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Duchy strikes deal to allow extra homes...

...if River Frome pollution is reduced

THE Duchy of Cornwall is reported to have come up with a deal to tackle farm effluent on its estate around Dorchester to allow 1,200 new houses at Poundbury to go ahead.

Scientists from Natural England were concerned that any extra sewage effluent going into the River Frome could harm birds and wildlife.

This week a formal application was submitted for more than 500 new homes on the final quadrant of Poundbury along with a new school, shops and offices.

It is now expected that the details of the permission being granted will be linked to Duchy farms around Dorchester reducing run-off from fields and slurry pits near the River Frome, together with improved public access on the approach to Maiden Castle by opening up tracks and creating a new foot and cycle path.

West Dorset District Council have agreed outline permission for building to begin this year, as long as the Duchy agrees to reduce pollution elsewhere on its Dorchester estate.

Natural England believes there is more reason to be

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concerned for the health of the Frome because water levels are low, which increase the percentage level of nitrates in the water.

The most common cause of nitrates is from farm fertiliser.

Excessive nitrates can upset the natural cycle, mainly by promoting weed and algae growth, which in turn affects water creatures and slows the river flow. Dorchester weather recorder John Oliver has already reported some of the driest winter months in half a century.

On Monday the Government convened a 'drought summit' to discuss the problems likely to be caused later in the year by an unusually low level of rainfall during the autumn and winter.

The Environment Agency say that so far this winter has been drier than the winter preceding the 1976

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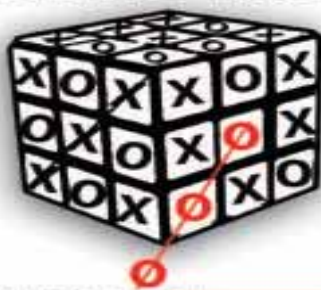
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THE Heritage Hotel and Restaurant is situated in Chickrell, three miles west of Weymouth. Chef Anne Grove runs the business with her husband John. Whilst Anne cooks the meals, John is front of house and head of money. Between them they have created a cosy and intimate retreat for guests who enjoy fine food and country walks.

As dog lovers and sailing enthusiasts they have managed to combine some of West Dorset's greatest assets with a passion for local food and they attract guests from all over the world.

Here Anne talks about the hotel and restaurant, her culinary influences and her attitude to why the long hours spent in the kitchen are worth it.

■ HOW did you come to be running The Heritage?

We used to have a hotel on Dartmoor. About four-years-ago we decided to come a bit further east to be nearer family. Also, the Olympics was a draw because my husband enjoys sailing, and then we fell in love with this building when we saw the business was for sale.

■ WHAT is the hotel like?

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■ WHAT kind of cuisine do you serve in the restaurant?

I would say it's modern British with international influences. On Sundays we do a traditional roast, but the à la carte menu has other things if that's what you fancy. Our market is fairly traditional although it's really encouraging to see people trying something new.



And of course our full Dorsetshire breakfasts for guests are greatly appreciated.

■ WHAT kind of food do you most enjoy cooking?

I adore making and eating puddings, chocolate specif-

ically, and bread. On the main courses I particularly enjoy doing fish dishes because we have such fantastic local supplies of it. We try not to get too complicated - it's so delicate it's best to let the base flavours shine. We just had some great sardines and brill come in today.

■ WHAT is a typical day like for you?

The alarm goes off at 6am so I'm in the kitchen for 7am preparing breakfast. Then we clear up, prep for dinner or functions, and take deliveries. We are open every night except Sunday for dinner. On Sunday we are open for lunch instead. We eat our lunch anytime between 1pm and 5pm and I usually take Cello our Bouvier out for a walk at about 3pm, then it's back in to the kitchen at 6pm. We usually eat what the customers don't each day - it makes for a very varied diet. We generally have our supper after we've finished cooking, which is usually around midnight so we often don't get to bed till 1am. Then we do it all again the next day.

■ SO, what keeps you going?

I just love doing what I do and when you have your own business it's usually because you really want to do what you're doing. You have to have a passion for a business like this. I have worked for other people and done long hours in that way, but I couldn't have kept doing that ad infinitum. Your motivation is when you get someone saying "thank you" and coming back again.

■ WHICH three famous people you like to cook a meal for?

My biggest influence is a Chef called Sally Clarke. She's one of the most wonderful chefs, and I find her philosophy reflects my own attitude to cookery. I really admire her and I'd love to cook for her. I also have always had great admiration for the late Diane Fossey - not for her cooking obviously, but because I adore gorillas. And I'd like to cook for the Queen. I have tremendous respect for her so I would just like to say, "thank you". I think she likes fairly simple food - but simple can be great.

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Council weights saved from sale

DORCHESTER | PR-OMPT action from a Dorchester councillor has stopped the county council selling off the "family silver".

Six lots of historic weights and measures were stopped from going under the auctioneer's hammer at Dukes within hours of bidding getting underway.

Now the sets of weights and measures, mostly in copper and brass, are likely to be offered to museums in the county.

Councillor Trevor Jones says he was alerted to the county council's decision to sell what he described as "these special and attractive items" in the week of the sale by

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people concerned that they could end up going out of the county, or even out of the country.

"It didn't seem right to me that these heritage items could, possibly, go out of the county, or even the country without a full examination, including elected councillors, to see if a good home couldn't first be found for them in Dorset."

He said officials at county hall "readily agreed" to withdraw the measures from the sale and to give further thought to what might happen to them.

Mr Jones says he will now be pressing for the collection to be offered to museums, or other suitable collections, within the county.

The measures, dating from 1858 to 1899, which used to regulate sales of fuel and crops are each marked with a date stamp and labelled "County of Dorsetshire".

Duke's Auctions, of Dorchester, had estimated that the smaller items, such as a pair of checkpump petrol measures, could fetch £150, while a set of ten Victorian imperial standard

bushel measures, could get £2,000.

At the time of the sale Martin Thursby, principal trading standards officer at Dorset County Council, said: "The measures were used historically to track and regulate trade in Dorset. Those checks are now done differently, or to different standards, so the measures are no longer necessary."

The money raised from the sale would have gone towards limiting budget reductions for the county council this year.

A spokesman for Dukes confirmed on Monday that the items had been withdrawn by the county council on the

morning of the sale.

A spokesperson for the Dorset County Museum, Rachel Cole, said that

they were unable to comment in the absence of Curator Jon Murden, currently on leave.

The Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society, which runs

the museum has just suffered a cut in the county council's grant.



■ COUNCILLOR Trevor Jones

Commuters advised to check new bus timetable

WEST DORSET | REGULAR users of the No 31 bus from Axminster to Weymouth, via Bridport and Dorchester, are being advised to look at the new timetable, which came into force on Monday (February 20th).

The timetable has been changed in a bid to make the service, run by First Bus, more

predictable in connecting with trains from Axminster Railway Station.

Alan Williams, from Bridport, who serves on WATAG, the group set up by Dorset County Council to deal with transport issues, is advising View From readers who use the No 31 service to check the new timetable.

He said the new bus times could result in train users missing their connections and could also affect some school pupils who use the early morning service.

Mr Williams said: "A lot of people in Bridport and Lyme Regis do not know that this is going to happen."

Pollution prevention could allow for new homes

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drought when rivers went dry and food prices went up.

Levels in the Frome are said to already be exceptionally low.

County ecologist Doctor Phil Sterling said the high levels of nitrates in the Frome had already caused a huge algal growth in Poole Harbour, covering protected mud flats and making it difficult for wading birds to feed.

But he is confident the agreement with the Duchy

can reduce nitrate flows in the Frome.

"We want to get to a position where we can see a more sustainable outcome, so whether there is a drought or not, it does not affect the quality of the water for wildlife or the water we are drinking."

The Grasslands Trust said it should be relatively easy for the Duchy to reduce nitrate pollution elsewhere on the estate and hoped that the action of the Prince of Wales might inspire other farmers to cut down on artificial fertilisers by going organic or using new technologies, such as computers on tractors to ensure fertiliser is only spread on areas of the field where it is needed.

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Unions' anger over 'slash and burn' budget cuts

FRONT LINE emergency services and help for the elderly and disabled in Dorset will suffer under a raft of budget cuts agreed this week.

Unions have called for a re-think on the cuts to the county's police, fire and social care spending. The Fire Brigade Union described the decision to make cuts as "slash and burn" and said it was inevitable that lives would be put at risk.

"The local fire crews have made sacrifices and we're facing the third year of a pay freeze with another two years of no more than 1 per cent a year. With what we're going through to protect local fire services this feels like a kick in the teeth," said official Karen Adams.

Chief Fire Officer Darran Gunter warned: "The options for achieving further significant savings without impacting on frontline services – which is something that we are desperate to protect – are now very limited despite the one-off freeze grant injection."

With the police authority's acceptance of its budget comes the warning that more than 100 posts will have to go.

Chief Constable, Martin Baker said the authority will now need to save £18m over four years. "The authority has already reduced expenditure by more than £6m, with further cuts of £5m planned for 2012/13. However, these reductions have only been possible with a significant reduction in workforce, with 284 posts removed by the end of the current financial year, and a further 108 posts to be removed during 2012/13." At County Hall county councillors approved a £15m saving target for the year ahead in addition to the £28m it has already approved.

Amongst the targets for saving will be a range of services for the elderly and vulnerable with more reliance on volunteers to fill the gaps.

The authority believes £9m can be found by increasing charges for residential homes, higher rental income from county council owned farms and a more cost-effective service to tackle potholes and other problems on rural

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roads. Spending will also be reduced across a range of areas include staff training, arts, museums and sport, community safety and school improvement services.

But, despite these savings, council leader Angus Campbell said the council remained committed to protecting vulnerable people. He said that the community care budget has been increased by £3m per year to cope with the growing demand for services supporting older people and people with disabilities.

"The strength of any organisation is in its staff and I continue to be utterly amazed at the determination and grit shown by all as they cope with constant change and, at the same time, prioritise the quality of services they deliver to the public.

Lib Dem group leader Councillor Janet Dover criticised cuts totalling £1.5million in children's services while other members of the opposition group complained that papers setting out the changes did not contain enough detail to understand what the cuts would actually involve.

Cold weather help for vulnerable

GRANTS are being offered to older and vulnerable Dorset residents to help them cope with the cold. Dorset Community Foundation can pay grants for fuel and electricity bills, buying warm clothes, heating repairs, and anything to do with preventing potential cold related deaths, fuel poverty and social isolation.

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Rotary present endoscopy equipment to hospital



■ ROTARY President Pauline Camm making a formal presentation of the equipment to Doctor Chris Hovell in the endoscopy department

DORCHESTER | DORCHESTER Rotarians have presented specialist kit to the county hospital's endoscopy unit.

President of the Rotary Club of Dorchester, Pauline Camm, chose the unit as her charity in September 2011.

Money raised by the club during the year has now paid for an Endoscopy Irrigation Pump (Endogator) enabling a Colonoscopy to be a more comfortable procedure for patients, whilst making it possible for the consultants to get better pictures inside the colon or gut. Colon cancer is the second most common form of cancer death.

Enough money was raised to get two of the £1,000-plus machines which are now in use on the unit.

"Thanks to the support of the people of Dorchester and surrounding villages who so generously gave money to the Christmas Sleigh collection and also to individual donations, the club reached our target sooner than anticipated," said Mrs Camm.

Matron of the endoscopy team Pauline Matthews reported that on the first day the Endogator was used it proved its worth.

Pauline said: "Without the Endogator it would not have been possible to make the cancer diagnosis and the patient would have needed to come back after completing another preparation regime." She thanked the Rotary Club for their support.

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In addition to the two pumps president Pauline Camm reported that the club had also raised sufficient funds to enable three endoscopy nurses to attend special training courses, one of them was an advanced, ENB Accredited Course and another an advanced colonoscopy course in London.

"In these austere times it is always a challenge to secure funding but thanks to the generosity of the people of Dorchester and villages and the trust that they have in Rotary to deliver, we were able to make it happen!

"The outcome will be an increase in the quality of patient care, job satisfaction and service efficiency of the Endoscopy team of DCH," said the Rotary president.

The endoscopy unit at Dorchester County Hospital now see up to 60 patients per day with early interventions crucial in reducing death rates.

Doctor Chris Hovell, the head of the endoscopy department, visited the Rotary Club at the start of the campaign and emphasised the nature of the problem and the fact that recent Dorset screening tests were responsible for picking cancer at a much earlier stage resulting in positive outcomes for patients.

Hats off to new exhibition

DORCHESTER | A COSTUME and textiles exhibition has opened at the Dorset County Museum in Dorchester.

Hats to Handbags has used artefacts from the Museum's own collections including hats, shoes, parasols, fans and gloves. Many of the items on show until Mid-April are hundreds of years old and rarely seen outside the Museum stores.

"The exhibition is already attracting rave reviews from visitors who are fascinated by the personal nature of the items on display and what they say about the



■ A YOUNG visitor tries on items from the County Museum's textiles collection

local people who used and loved them.

"Most of the artefacts were donated to the Museum and are now looked after by a dedicated team of specialist volunteers," said a museum spokesperson.

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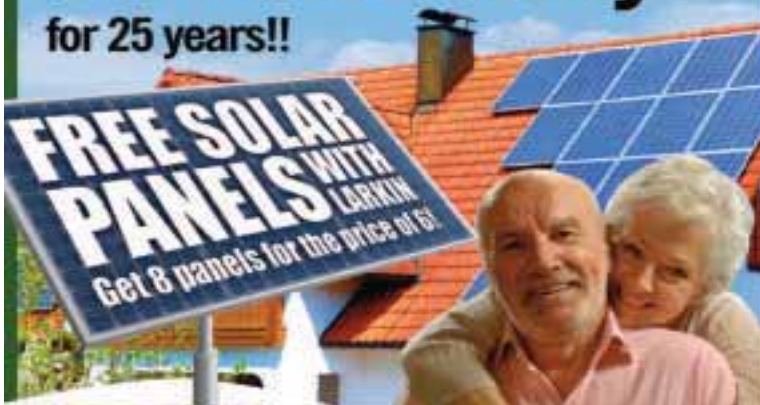
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Appeal comes to close

DORCHESTER | THE appeal to buy a new digital mammography scanner for the county hospital is to be formally closed at the end of April.

To mark the success of the appeal, which was launched in February 2011, a formal final fundraising event is to be held on Wednesday, April 25th at the Corn Exchange Dorchester.

When the appeal was launched, the hospital trust estimated that the total cost of buying and installing the new digital mammography scanner would be approximately £500,000.

The trust provided £150,000 of capital funds and hoped to raise an additional £350,000 through charitable donations.

Today the appeal has reached a total of £450,000 including the trust contribution of £150,000 and the equipment has been ordered with building work underway to house it.

To keep the service running while the new equipment is installed, temporary scanners be brought in.

Top place to live

DORCHESTER | IT'S been a week of mixed fortunes for Dorchester this week.

The county town has been voted one of the top ten happiest places to live in the country – but only six per cent in a poll think it should get city status to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Dorchester came 9th out of 10 in a survey from the Rightmove property company of happy places to live, beating nearest rivals Exeter.

The company survey looked at friendliness of neighbours, safety and local facilities as well as the size, value and décor of homes.

Mayor, Councillor Tess James said she felt much of Dorchester's success was its sense of community and people will to "get involved".

But out of 26 towns bidding for city status for 2012 the county town only got six per cent support in a YouGov poll, putting Reading and Bournemouth as the most deserving of the status.

A total of 16,000 were polled to come up with the results.

Magna provide police with vans for PCSOs

DORCHESTER | DORSET Police has received a boost in its efforts to make Dorset safer.

The Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Dorchester, Sherborne and Bridport took delivery of three community safety vans, purchased with a donation from Magna Housing Association's Community Initiative Fund.

Dorset Police has worked in partnership with Magna Housing for many years.

Magna originally provided donations in 2008 to purchase vans to enable the frequency of foot patrols to be increased, both by PCSOs and Magna housing managers.

Following on from the success of these initial donations, Magna recently donated the money for three new vans to be purchased and for one of the original vans to be refurbished.

Police Inspector Les Fry said: "I am thrilled to have received these vehicles on behalf of the West Dorset PCSOs."

"Our priority is to ensure

our communities feel safe and are safe and this is a perfect example of a successful working partnership.

"Magna Housing is a valued partner with whom we have been working for some time to enhance the safety of residents living in their properties."

"These vehicles means we can continue to reach more rural residents in Dorset."

Ken Bodycombe, Magna's community development manager, said: "The Community Initiative Fund is managed by a residents' forum, which was very keen to donate the money to enable the PCSOs to continue their valued work in rural communities."

"Magna look forward to continuing to work successfully with Dorset Police, promoting the benefits of a community that works together."

In the last 10 years, the fund has donated more than £1million to projects that benefit Magna residents and their surroundings.



■ PICTURED are Josie Watson, Magna Housing Officer ASB team, presenting Inspector Les Fry with the keys to the new vans

Walk down memory lane

DORCHESTER | PATIENTS on a county hospital ward are able to step back in time with a new Memory Lane room.

This Tuesday (February 21st) staff put on a tea party to mark the official opening of the Barnes Ward day room for elderly patients suffering with dementia.

The room has been furnished to look like a lounge and dining room from the 1950s, complete with vintage furniture and fittings and authentic household appliances such as a television and radio.

Ward Sister Debbie Baxter said: "Elderly people suffering with dementia can find clinical surroundings confusing and distressing when they have to come into hospital for treatment."

"Often their memories from the past are much clearer so spending time in the familiar environment of the Memory Lane room is reassuring for them."

"Thanks to colleagues from around the trust who have donated objects and photos, the room can be used by staff to prompt conversation with patients about what they can remember and bring a sense of calm."

Olympic information drop-in session

DORCHESTER | A DROP-IN session is being held in Dorchester next month for local people to ask questions about the effect the Olympics will have on the area.

The county town is already expected to have two park and ride facilities, at Monkey's Jump and Kingston Maurward, and is also likely to have a gypsy and traveller site for the nine weeks of the Olympics in the Piddle Valley.

Many Dorchester residents work in the Weymouth area, with many from Weymouth making the daily commute to Dorchester.

Questions about how travel plans will be affected during the Olympics, access restrictions, viewing

areas, visitor management, security and safety will all be open for discussion.

The session will include information displays with members of the London 2012 team and local authority organisations on hand to answer questions.

The Dorchester sessions will be held on Monday, March 26th at the Dorford Centre and will run from 12pm until 4pm and 5pm until 7.30pm.

Weymouth will have a similar session at the Pavilion on Thursday, March 29th with another to be held on Friday, March 30th at the Community 2000 building Easton, Portland.

A presentation will be held at each location at 1.30pm and at 6.30pm.

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Masons raise £1,000 for military charity

DORCHESTER | MASONRY in Dorchester have raised £1,000 for the armed services Care for Casualties appeal.

The group presented a cheque for the amount at the Keep Military Museum.

During his year as Master of the Dorchester based Durnovarian Lodge, Malcolm Webb chose to support "Care for Casualties" as one of his many charitable targets during his year in office. He was prompted to support this charity given its close historical connections with Dorset and "the Keep" and following a conversation with an Army Medic neighbour of his who had recently returned from a tour in Afghanistan.

Members of the Durnovarian Lodge raised the sum of £1,000 from various collections, raffles and social events during Malcolm's year as Master.

This was formerly handed over to Lt Col (rtd.) Geoff Nicholls, the Secretary of "Care for Casualties" who travelled from Exeter to receive the cheque and personally thank Malcolm and



■ **MEMBERS** of the Durnovarian Lodge, including Master Malcolm Webb, present their £1,000 cheque to Care for Casualties secretary Lt Col (rtd.) Geoff Nicholls

members of the Lodge.

Since its formation in 2007, after the amalgamation of the Dorset and Devonshire Regiment (formerly "The Dorsets") with other Infantry regiments, The Rifles have seen almost continuous action in Iraq & Afghanistan. This commitment has come at a cost.

Fifty nine Riflemen were killed in action and more than 300 have suf-

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fered serious injuries, including 29 who have lost limbs. Most have been caused by IEDs which cause complex multiple trauma. Some injuries are not yet obvious; evidence shows that psychological problems manifest themselves sometimes years after the end of service and the

need for help will continue for many years to come.

"Care for Casualties" is an appeal that gives the severely wounded, their families and the families of fallen Riflemen the support, the inspiration and the means to rebuild their lives and make the best of their futures.

"Having a far wider charitable 'brief' than other well-known charities, such as "Help for Heroes".

"Care for Casualties" is able to provide funding for personal rehabilitation, holidays, specialised equipment in the home and the like, not only supporting severely injured or fallen servicemen but also their families.

New bakery plans for Poundbury

DORCHESTER | LYME Regis' Town Mill Bakery is hoping to open a bakery and restaurant in one of Poundbury's iconic buildings, The Buttercross.

The octagonal building, on Bridport Road, looks, as the name suggests, like a traditional market building where goods once might have been traded.

The ground floor will be used as bakery and restaurant and also contains back of house functions and toilets.

A metal canopy will provide additional seating with seasonal seating located within the Buttermarket.

West Dorset District Council planners are being told that there is potential to add a

mezzanine storey to the building to secure future long-term commercial viability although The Town Mill Bakery has no plans to use this.

Although two storey the building will have what appears to be a bell tower on the top which will bring it to the height of neighbouring three storey properties.

In submitting the application the Duchy of Cornwall's planning team says that the building draws from the "18th century brick language of buildings such as the Town Hall in Bridport".

■ **MORE** details have been submitted for the next phase of Dorchester's Poundbury

project.

An application is now with West Dorset District Council planners for 505 homes and more than 6,000 square metres of commercial floor spaces, together with associated, garages, roads and open spaces.

Planners have previously given outline permission to what will be the final phases of the Duchy of Cornwall scheme.

The site runs parallel to the county town's western relief road and will include a double row of trees to shield the development from the countryside to the west.

West Dorset planners are expected to consider the applications in March.

New contract for Magna Careline

DORCHESTER | MAGNA Careline, which is based at Poundbury, has won the contract to act as business continuity partner for Aberdeen City Council's lifeline alarm customers.

The contract ensures that, in the case of any problems

with Aberdeen City Council's regional control centre, Magna Careline will step in and provide a seamless service to the 22,000 lifeline connections affected.

Tanya Grant, Magna Careline's general manager, said: "Being selected to provide

this emergency back-up service is a testament to the quality service delivered by our control centre team."

Magna Careline offers a 24-hour, 365-day a year, telecare monitoring service used by thousands of people across the UK.

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SALVATION AT GREEN DRAWERS



GREEN Drawers - Eco Store in Beaminster is a treasure trove of all things ecologically & ethically sound. They stock People Tree Fair Trade clothing and accessories, for both women and children, Organics For Kids & Frugi baby clothes in organic, fairtrade cotton and a wide range of fairly traded Turtle Bags, including the famous string bags. Alongside these is stocked a wide range of home products; Ecover cleaning products & refills, If You Care firelighters & paper goods, fair trade rubber gloves and organic plant based & handmade beeswax candles. green drawers also loves to recycle and make things; there is a beautiful range of hand-made cushions from re-discovered fabrics and hand-knits for babies. New stock is always coming in, so next time you're in, or passing through Beaminster why not drop by and take a look. Buying lovely things should also make you feel good about where the goods were made and who made them.

Claire had always stocked a smallish number of small items in wood that customers wanted: school desks, linen baskets, sewing tables, footstools and wicker baskets. Responding to cus-

tomers demand this grew into a wider range of household furniture that included dressing tables, kitchen tables, chairs, bookshelves and mirrors. Michael, her husband, oversees the restoration of these items. The condition may vary with the type of wood and care is taken to ensure there is no active woodworm and that polishes and waxes are traditional with no silicones used. Locally produced beeswaxes are often used. Where wood surfaces are poor a 'final resort' of painting takes place. Zoffany paints along with the ubiquitous Farrow & Ball are used and final sealing of wood surface uses a eco-friendly oil-wax to resist scuffs and wear-and-tear. Michael and Claire are keen to show furniture in some modern bright colours, as well as the classic off-whites and greys and a new range of tables sports textile top coverings with painted legs. Furniture is bought from a variety of sources, auctions, boot fairs, fleamarkets and sometimes sold on behalf of customers who are perhaps, downsizing, for a commission. In rare cases, some bits of furniture are saved, literally from ending up as landfill, so the green ethos of Claire's vision is carried throughout the shop.

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Church food bank

DORCHESTER | PARISHIONERS at St Andrew's Church in West Stafford have been collecting food for local people in need.

The basic non-perishable groceries are being left at the back of the church and distributed to those in need in Crossways and also to the Food Bank at the Baptist Church in Dorchester which runs a similar service in the county town.

Table top sale

DORCHESTER | A TABLE top sale organised by the Rotary Club of Dorchester is being staged at the United Church in South Street on Saturday, March 3rd.

Open from 10am until 1pm the sale will feature around 20 stalls of new and nearly new items; clothes, books, crafts and bric a brac.

Also featured will be the sale of home made cakes and refreshments.

Railway talk

DORCHESTER | THE Swanage Railway director, Mike Stollery, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Dorchester Area Group of the Somerset & Dorset Railway Trust next Friday, February 24th.

The group, founded in 1987, meet on the last Friday of every month - except in August and December - at 7.30pm in the Colliton Club.

Mr Stollery will be talking about recent developments on the Purbeck steam line including the recent news that BP has given the trust half a million pounds to carry out essential work on one of the railway's key crossings.

For further information about the group please contact Peter or Heather Foster on 01305 262121.

At the group's last meeting around 40 members celebrated their silver jubilee with a celebration cake, donated by railway historian Brian Jackson.



■ CLARE Robertson from Wellchester is pictured with Lions member Charles Goold, Rotary President Tim Stiles and Rotarian Bryan Evans

An eye opening partnership

DORCHESTER | DORCHESTER Casterbridge Rotary Club has teamed up with the Lions Club of Dorchester in providing new specs for old to third world countries.

For the last 20 years Dorchester Lions have been collecting used prescription glasses, with the help of local opticians, and sending them around the world with life-changing effect for their recipients.

Fifty thousand pairs have gone from Dorchester since the scheme started.

Casterbridge Rotary Club is now co-operating with the Lions by arranging for other shops and organisations to provide collection points around the town.

President Tim Stiles said: "Casterbridge Rotary is already involved in many help schemes,

locally and internationally, and we are delighted to also have the chance to participate in this worthwhile scheme".

Wellchester is the first to join this extended scheme. Manager Clare Robertson said: "Wellchester too is happy to be involved and we have already started collecting, so dig out those old specs and bring them in."

Street collection

DORCHESTER | THE Fortuneswell Cancer Trust will be holding a street collection in Dorchester on Wednesday, February 29th.

The trust supports cancer sufferers in Dorset in a variety of ways, with its main focus on the Fortuneswell Unit in Dorset County Hospital.

"Fantastic support from the local community helped us to make the new outpatient unit possible a couple of years ago, but later this year, our dream of a ward specially for cancer patients at Dorchester Hospital will be realised, again, thanks to the donations we have received.

"The development will be in two stages, and we are now hoping to raise £200,000 to make sure that the second stage happens," said chairman Doctor David Evans.

The appeal will be launched with the street collection in Dorchester with collectors wearing yellow sashes.

Those thinking of giving to the charity are asked to make the donation worth more by collecting a Gift Aid envelope from a stand by the War Memorial.

This allows the trust to recover tax through a Government scheme for official charities.

Lent course

DORCHESTER | ST Peter's Church, Dorchester, will start a six-week Lent Course this Friday, March 24th.

The sessions will be held in the church hall on Friday mornings from 10.30am until noon with Vicar Vicky Thurtell, assisted by Alison Whiting.

The course title, Fully Alive, is inspired by a quote from St Irenaeus "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive".

On Thursday, March 1st from noon until 1.30pm there will be a bread and soup Lent Lunch served in the church.

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Lynch Lane Offices acquires high quality office building



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When LLO started 3 years ago it was always clear that the building had a limited life span, due to its age. As fate would have it, the building next door, currently known as 'Egdon Hall', was offered for sale by

Synergy Housing. LLO's landlord, DJ Property purchased this high quality office building and have now agreed terms to lease it to LLO.

LLO expect to have keys to the new building on 1 May 2012 and, subject to planning, will be building a significant extension creating an additional 30 offices. This extension will be built between May and November 2012. The enlarged building will be of the highest quality and will total approximately 72 offices ranging from 100 sq ft to 1,000 sq ft plus.

Charlotte Buckle added: "We believe our rental rates and service charges will continue to be the best value in Dorset and the

quality of service second to none. We provide modern telecoms and IT systems plus meeting room facilities, as well as office support. We endeavour to take care of your office needs so you can concentrate on your business. We look forward to welcoming new customers and continuing to support our existing ones."

This move to larger more modern premises will cement LLO's position as the leading provider of serviced office space and services in South Dorset. As the focus of the world falls on Weymouth & Portland in this Olympic year, LLO will be ideally placed to develop their business further.



War memorial talk

DORCHESTER | THE stories behind some of the names on Dorchester's War Memorial will be brought to life at a talk in the county museum on Wednesday, March 28th.

"Just a Name on a List" will be presented by Brian Biggs at 7.30pm as one of the museum's authors talks series. The event is free although a £3 donation is suggested which will go towards museum funds.

Charity quiz

DORCHESTER | A CHARITY quiz at Dorchester Parish Centre will raise funds for the digital mammography appeal and other Inner Wheel charities.

The event, for teams of up to six, is happening on Friday, March 16th at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £5 which include a ploughman's platter.

Ticket and other information is available by calling Dorchester 264070.

Charity collectors

DORCHESTER | MARIE Curie Cancer Care is asking for helpers to assist with collections in Dorchester.

The charity will be holding three collecting days in the week beginning Saturday, March 10th both in the town centre and at Tesco.

Collectors will be selling daffodil pins to help raise funds in support of the charity's nursing and advice teams who work with people who have cancer or other terminal illnesses.

Offers of help should be made to the regional office on 01935 423987.

Volunteers raise £260

DORCHESTER | LEWESTON School students Saskia Smith and Harriet Cooke have just completed their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Volunteering Section programme and in doing so raised £260 for the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

Leading up to the school's Christmas Fayre they spent time making items including small bags, candle holders, wheatbags and other arts and craft items.

Round table celebrates 60 years

DORCHESTER | ROUND Table national president John Payne celebrated the Dorchester organisation's 60th anniversary at the weekend.

He told past and present members that their organisation had "heart" and could look forward to a healthy future of fun, fellowship and fund-raising.

More than 60 joined in the celebration at the King's Arms for a meal which included dishes from throughout the decades.

The event was organised by the present chairman, Ellis Ford, who praised members, past and present, for the thousands of pounds the charity has raised for the town and the countless hours of voluntary time individuals had given up in the name of Round Table to help others.

Amongst other event the organisation runs the town's annual Carnival and, with CAMRA, runs the annual Beer Festival, an event which this year raised more than £10,000 for charity.

Around a dozen members now in their 70s and 80s took part in the event, included amongst them

former chairmen Ken Rees and Simon Hunt who joined the top table with Dorset County Councillor, David Crowhurst, who led Grace at the start of the evening.

Town crier Alistair Chisholm wrote a special cry for the event which praised the organisation's effort on behalf of the town and wished them well for the future.

In his speech the National President, John Payne, admitted that nationally the organisation had suffered a loss in membership, as had other

service groups, but said recent campaigns had seen a reversal of that trend.

He spoke of the positive benefits membership of the organisation can bring, both in terms of personal development and help for local communities.

The aims and objects of the organisation were read by present member Lee Turner. The Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Andrew Grassby, a member of the town's 41 Club, the organisation for former Round Table member.



MEMBERS of Dorchester's Round Table



ROUND Table chairman Ellis Ford giving his speech to mark the organisation's 60th anniversary



TOP table guests at Dorchester Round Table's 60th charter celebrations



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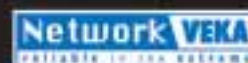
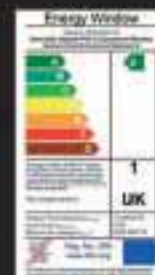
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Tour guide wins Jurassic Coast Award

WEST DORSET | A TOUR company whose zebra-striped minibuses are a common sight on West Dorset coast have won a Jurassic Coast Award.

Discover Dorset Tours were chosen for their contribution towards helping visitors appreciate and protect the Jurassic Coast.

The Jurassic Coast Award celebrates those who have made outstanding contributions to the

Jurassic Coast.

Each year the award focuses on a different group and this year's award focused on the business sector, recognising organisations that facilitate tourism, promote sustainability and really contribute to the Jurassic Coast area.

Sponsored by the Fine Family Foundation, the award supports the aims of the Jurassic Coast Trust.

"Any business that wel-

comes visitors to the Jurassic Coast is in a strong position to influence how people discover, understand and treat it," said Sibyl King, who is also a Jurassic Coast Trustee.

"They can also help look after it in their own practices.

"Discover Dorset were exceptional in their creative and enthusiastic approach to their tours and their commitment to the Jurassic Coast."

Managing Director of Discover Dorset Tours, Tim Sanders built his business from scratch as a result of World Heritage designation in 2001.

"At the time there was no-one else taking visitors to the Jurassic Coast and explaining it. As a local lad and a bit of a tourist myself, I recognised the opportunity and bought my first mini-bus. Discover Dorset now employs 40 tour guides and staff in the peak months."

The company has also won praise from Sally King, World Heritage Team's Visitor Services Manager.

She said: "We have always been impressed by Tim's enthusiasm to help



■ DISCOVER Dorset Tours Managing Director Tim Sanders with Jurassic Coast Award

visitors experience the World Heritage Site and his on-going efforts to reduce visitor impact and keep the coast special."

The Jurassic Coast Trust, a charity set up in direct response to World

Heritage designation, raises funds to help maintain, conserve and create understanding of the Jurassic Coast – England's first and only natural World Heritage Site. The Jurassic Coast

Trust and Jurassic Coast World Heritage Team are currently working together to develop ways in which businesses can strengthen their links and support for the Jurassic Coast.

Heroes needed

DORSET | Dorset children are invited to grab their capes and fly to the aid of this year's Barnardo's Big Toddle.

The annual sponsored walk for children under five-years-old has a super-hero theme where toddlers can dress up as their favourite character.

Last year's events saw Dorset children raising almost £6,000 towards a regional total of more than £50,000.

Parents, carers, playgroups and nurseries can create their own Big Toddle at any time throughout the year.

Funds raised by the youngsters will go to help some of the UK's most vulnerable children, including those with physical and learning difficulties.

Sara Cobbledick, Toddle co-ordinator for Barnardo's South West, said: "We are now into our 15th annual Toddle and it's going to be bigger and better than ever.

"This year our theme is super-heroes, so children can have even more fun dressing up.

"Every penny raised goes directly to our work with under-5s – so everyone can enjoy themselves and help raise vital funds for less fortunate children."

Registrants will receive a Big Toddle pack full of information and ideas including activity sheets, storybooks, posters and certificates.

Visit www.bigtoddle.co.uk or call 0800 008 7005.

Irish rhythms

WEYMOUTH & DORCHESTER | THE Heartstring Quarter bring their Irish rhythms to Portesham Village Hall this Saturday, March 25th.

Artsreach has organised the event with tickets costing £12 for adults, £8 for under 18s.

They can be bought by calling Gill Brignell on 01305 871925.

Limited time remains for Olympic torch fund

WEST DORSET | TIME is running out for parishes in West Dorset to apply for funds to help celebrate the Olympic Torch relay when it comes to the area on July 12th and 13th.

West Dorset District Council has put aside £5,000 to help support community celebrations in Dorchester, Puddletown, Winterborne Abbas, Bridport, Lyme Regis, Burton Bradstock, Abbotsbury, Portesham, Chickereil and Osmington. Applications have to be submitted by March 1st.

Further details from the West Dorset leisure and tourism team on 01305 252250 or by emailing leisure@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk

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Dorset police target scrap metal thieves

WEST DORSET | ARRESTS have been made during a multi-organisational operation to stamp out scrap metal theft.

Dorset Police and customs and environment agency officers swooped on scrap yards and conducted vehicle stop checks during Operation Iridium.

The operation aims to end scrap metal theft around the Bridport and Beaminster area.

Six covert Bridport Police officers worked in tandem with the Environment Agency and H M Customs and Excise throughout the initial phase of the ongoing operation.

During the operation a 38-year-old man from the Bridport area was arrested on suspicion of witness intimidation and criminal damage. He is on police bail until April 9th.

A 49-year-old old man from the Beaminster area was also arrested on suspicion of theft. He is on police bail until February 29th.

The 11-day operation ended with officers con-

fiscating four vehicles and suspected stolen items from a premise in the Lower Wraxal area of Dorchester on February 9th.

Inspector Mike Darby said the crimes affected everybody and urged members of the public to report metal thefts and the people committing the offences.

He said: "Operation Iridium is concentrating on the offenders who are, on a daily basis, driving around our community and stealing scrap metal and any other items they feel they can get money for."

"Covert police officers alongside officers from Customs and Excise and the Environment Agency conducted a number of stops on vehicles that were conveying scrap metal and conducted search warrants on addresses linked to this offending."

"These types of offences directly impact everyone in the rural community and is a constant cause for concern for landowners."



■ JACQUI Redfern, service user Alex Dunham, 18, and Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester

WEYMOUTH | FEELINGS and prejudices about homelessness have been displayed at a special exhibition in Weymouth Library.

The young people whose work was showcased have all experienced homelessness and are now living in accommodation at Pottery Lane in Weymouth.

The exhibition opened a window on such people's day to day struggle to fulfil basic needs such as food, hygiene, financial support, education, employment and a right to achieve.

Among exhibits were wall hangings, tapestries, poetry, sculptures, paintings, pencil drawings

and photographs by young people supported by Tides outreach team who worked with them on a weekly basis for six months.

Their work and the support of Tides was praised by You Trust Weymouth deputy manager Jacqui Redfern who said: "Some of the exhibits take your breath away. Homelessness is going to get worse. There are kids living on the streets keeping themselves at college, but where do you wash yourself or clean your clothes? One young man was living in a graveyard."

"The exhibition was to help raise awareness of homelessness and

the biggest sin is that the majority of these people are aged 16-18 years and are often on the streets through family breakdown situations."

Weymouth and Portland Deputy Mayor Margaret Leicester said: "I am absolutely shocked that I have heard this. It just makes you realise how lucky you are not to be in this situation."

"I was not aware that there was this much homelessness in Weymouth and Portland."

"You tend to live in your own little bubble and when you find out something like this it is a bit of a shock to the system."

Road safety courses get underway for bikers

DORSET | COURSES aimed at making Dorset's motorcyclists safer on the road are about to get underway in the county.

The BikeSafe courses are available to anyone who rides a bike with an engine size of at least 250cc. Riders are encouraged to book their place soon as the dates filled up quickly last year.

The courses are run in two parts over a weekend. The first part runs on the Saturday from 10am to 4pm and consists of a theory presentation which highlights the causes of accidents and the theory of advanced riding.

The second part of the course is an assessed ride which will take place on the Sunday between either 9am and 12 midday or 1pm and 4pm.

The course is subsidised by Dorset County Council, which means that the course fee is just £20.

There are six courses being run from April to October in Wimborne, West Bay and North Dorset.

Police Constable Chris Smith, BikeSafe Co-ordinator, said: "Even the most experienced bikers could learn something on the BikeSafe course that may one day save their life."

"This course provides motorcyclists with a great opportunity to gain advice and tips on areas including cornering, overtaking, positioning and hazard perception."

"The Dorset Police riders that run this course are genuinely passionate about motorcycling and we hope everyone that takes part in the course enjoys it and comes out of it a better rider."

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More Olympic drop-in sessions

WEST DORSET | PEOPLE will have a chance to attend three more drop-in sessions to find out more about the forthcoming Olympic sailing events in Weymouth and Portland

Anyone can go along to find out more about what's happening and how it might affect them.

Information about Olympic and Paralympic sailing, cultural events, parking, road access-restrictions, getting to work, arriving by boat, park and ride, street trading and licensing will all be covered.

There will also be a chance to hear about legacy, visitor management, safety and security and the organisations behind the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events in Dorset will be on display and members of the team will be there to answer questions.

The drop in events will take place on Monday March 26th at the Dorford Centre in Dorchester from noon-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm; on Thursday March 29th at Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room from noon-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm and on Friday March 30th at the Community 2000 hall at Easton, Portland, from 1pm-4pm and from 5pm-7.30pm.

Members of the public can meet representatives from various London 2012 and local authority organisations, ask questions and get information on a range of topics.

A general presentation will be held at each location at 1.30pm and again at 6.30pm covering all aspects of local preparations for the London 2012 Games.

Entry to the drop-ins is free of charge and is open to all local residents and businesses.

For more information about the sailing events of the London 2012 Games and Dorset's preparations visit - www.dorsetforyou.com/london2012.

Changes in homecare provision

by Harry Walton
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CHANGES to county council homecare contracts will save £1 million and bring a fresh approach to deliver an improved and more cost effective service across Dorset. The authority said the changes were made after an extensive service review and a reduction in the number of appointed providers which will partner the county council to provide longer-term help and care for people needing support to live at home.

It added that the changes will help promote quality and stability and also encourage a stronger working relationship with the eight selected homecare providers who will ensure the service is delivered flexibly and attentively while respecting each client's right to privacy, dignity and fulfillment.

Other advantages include a more collaborative approach where providers will be able to work co-operatively to cater for the growing demand and also develop specialisms in particular kinds of care instead of being in competition.

Some clients will be required to change homecare provider as a result of the new contracts although, in many cases, care will continue to be provided by the same person who may decide to transfer their employment to a new provider.

All the newly appointed providers have had to show that they provide good quality support services and will have to continue to meet set quality standards to stay on the list.

The new contracts will be in place by summer 2012.

County adult social care spokesman Andrew Cattaway said: "Over the last five years we have been working towards providing home care services in new ways to ensure the care people receive is of a high quality and represents good value.

"By changing the contract agreements and improving efficiency, the council will achieve savings of £1 million in the next year which will help to meet the growing demand for home care services and support more people to



■ NEW homecare providers with representatives from Dorset County Council

remain independent in their own homes.

"We aim to make the transfer of any service as seamless as possible and have been in contact with people likely to be affected by the change.

"We know that carer continuity is very important and recognise that some people will be disappointed if they have to transfer their care arrangements to a different provider.

"I would like to reassure people that the level of service they receive will not be affected by the change in appointed providers.

"The new contracts will ensure that the quality and choice of services available remain high and also cover a variety of needs regardless of where a person lives.

"We will be meeting with all clients affected to discuss and agree on how their care will be provided in the future."

Anyone concerned about their home care arrangements or how this change may affect them, can contact the Adult Access Team at Dorset County Council on 01305 221085.

Get on the big spring clean

TOWN and parish councils and other organisations in West Dorset are invited to get involved with a spring clean as part of Keep Britain Tidy's 'The Big Tidy Up' during April.

Over 101,000 bags of rubbish have been collected across the country since the campaign launched in September 2008.

West Dorset District Council will provide gloves, a risk assessment check form, a guide to organising your event and deliver and collect the rubbish bags.

The Big Tidy Up will also send organisers bags, hi-viz tabards and posters, badges and stickers to promote your event.

If you are interested in organising a spring clean or litter pick please contact Jackie Thomas or Simon Fox on 01305 251010 for an application form.

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Boogie Woogie Night to play the
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View 2 Cinema

This week's big screen releases

SAFE HOUSE ¹⁵

MATT Weston (Ryan Reynolds) is a CIA rookie who is manning a safe house in Cape Town, South Africa, when Tobin Frost (Denzel Washington) the CIA's most wanted rogue agent is captured and taken to the safe house. During Frost's interrogation, the safe house is overtaken by mercenaries who want Frost. Weston and Frost escape and must stay out of the gunmen's sight until they can get to another safe house.



SAFE HOUSE | Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds star

RED DOG ^{PG}

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Stars Josh Lucas, Rachael Taylor, Noah Taylor and Keisha Castle-Hughes



OLD DOG, NEW TRICKS | Red Dog is a remarkable true story

RAMPART ¹⁵

SET in 1999 Los Angeles, Rampart tells the story of veteran police officer Dave Brown (Woody Harrelson), the last of the renegade cops, who works to take care of his family, and struggles for his own survival.

Also stars Jon Bernthal, Stella Scnabel and Cynthia Nixon.



RENEGADE COP | Woody Harrelson stars in Rampart

ONE FOR THE MONEY ^{12A}

Unemployed and newly-divorced Stephanie Plum (Katherine Heigl) lands a job at her cousin's bail-bond business, where her first assignment puts her on the trail of a wanted local cop from her romantic past. Also stars Jason O'Mara, Daniel Sun-jata and John Leguizamo.



BAIL BOND BUSINESS | Katherine Heigl and John Leguizamo in One For The Money

CORN EXCHANGE HAT-TRICK FOR 'PSYCHIC FAYRE'

SATURDAY, February 25th marks the third year running that Bridport-based 'Psychic Fayre' will have taken their Mind, Body & Spirit Fayre to Dorchester's Corn Exchange.

The fayre will include everything from crystals to clairvoyancy, palmistry to poems, nutrition to natural beauty and all points between.

Jan Harris. Further value is pro-

vided by a 'pop-up' café run by volunteers from Bridport's Chapel in the Garden, with any profits going to their White Room fund.

Weldmar Hospicecare Trust, whose hospices have been so supportive to many of those involved in the fayres. Thanks to the generosity of top psychic artist Patrick Gamble, who is donating one of his stunning pictures as the prize, all proceeds from raffle

tickets sold at the event will go to the local charity: the winning ticket will be drawn just before the event closes at 4pm.

Mind, Body & Spirit Fayre runs from 10am-4pm, Saturday, February 25th at the Dorchester Corn Exchange. For more information call Susan Outhwaite on 07918 657385, or for full details visit www.psychicfayre.com.

Try it on at Dorset County Museum

A BRAND new costume and textiles exhibition has just opened at Dorset County Museum.

Hats to Handbags is a fantastic display of beautiful artefacts from the Museum's own collections including hats, shoes, parasols, fans and gloves, many of which are hundreds of years old and rarely seen outside the Museum stores. The exhibition is already attracting rave reviews from visitors who are fascinated by the personal nature of the items on display and what they say about the local people who used and loved them. Most of the artefacts were donated to the Museum and are now looked after by a dedicated team of specialist volunteers.

There is also a special area for trying on a range of colourful and stylish hats which is proving popular with people of all ages. Suitable for all the family, the exhibition is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Saturday, and runs until 14 April.

There will be further events connected with the exhibition for both adults and children during the Easter holidays. Please contact the Museum for fur-

ther information.

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Dorset County Museum is supported by Dorset County Council

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Poetry for Pleasure

by Frank McGarry

PATRICIA Beer (1919-1999), who lived in Devon, but occasionally crossed the border into Dorset, was described once as "one of the best poets writing in England today".

ON THE COBB AT LYME REGIS

*Here no one wins because no one contends.
The white wall curves, wheels, skating out to France,
And I walk on it, between warm water
And cold, little boats and leviathans.*

*Dangerous the sea is; for all I know
It is even now, underneath the skin,
Battering the sea-wall with drowned sailors
Or countrymen who carelessly fell in.*

*But there is no Poseidon any more
To rise with a seventh wave and thunder,
To turn on all taps and overwhelm me
Gone suddenly shapeless like a spider.*

*If I had magic to keep the sea down
I would feel exceedingly complacent
And walk the wall like Nelson at Port-Royal
Conscious of skill to blunt any trident.*

*But this safety is different. I know
From my teachers what is impossible.
I am in no danger, the sea cannot rise,
Which is the most frightening thing of all.*

Here is another poem from the Penguin Books Selected Poems by Brian Patten. The selection has been done by Brian himself and includes verses from five decades of writing, including some new ones.

THE BIRD TABLE

*Grandad's old bird table
Dragged more birds down out of the sky
Than a cat ever dreamed of.
I try to conjure up how it looked when new,
But fail, and see only an upright pole, the broken table*

*Dangling ghost-pale in a corner.
Abandoned now beneath the green dust of a birch tree
It seems so old and useless.
Yet it once reached up,
Exulting in a feast of crumbs,
Its wooden palm open to heaven.
If birds had a sense of history,
What would they make of it?
A sacrificial altar elbowed aside by time?
A monolith supporting the legend of how once
There was a world of plenty?
A time when Bird and Man
Lived in harmony,
Spoke one tongue, exchanged gifts.
Song for bread. Bread for song.*

This final verse, which is not about football, is from David Buddill, an American poet and playwright, who lives in the mountains of Vermont.

THE THREE GOALS

*The first goal is to see the thing itself
in and for itself, to see it simply and clearly
for what it is.
No symbolism, please.*
*The second goal is to see each individual thing
as unified, as one, with all the other
ten thousand things.
In this regard, a little wine helps a lot.*
*The third goal is to grasp the first and the second goals,
to see the universal and the particular,
simultaneously.
Regarding this one, call me when you get it.*

● If you have a short poem of your own that you would like to share with our readers please send it to: Poetry for Pleasure, Lyme Media & Events Ltd, St Michael's Business Centre, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3QF. Or e-mail it to us at: pemedial@pemedial.co.uk

Buffalo Gals are back!



BUFFALO Gals are fast becoming the UK's favourite old-time country string band, and in Dorset they certainly developed a firm fanbase with their string of sell-out Artsreach performances two years ago. They now make a long-awaited return to the Artsreach circuit, performing at three Dorset village halls in March.

Buffalo Gals perform old-time country music from the Southern Appalachian region of the United States, exploring ballads, gospel, blues, and fiery flatfoot step-dancing to expertly evoke the spirit, excitement and passion of American roots music. Firmly rooted in this American tradition, with an authentic sound driven by fiddle, banjo, percussive step dance, and soaring harmonies, the 'Gals (and guys!) produce an irresistible show packed with all the excitement and passion of Appalachian, Bluegrass, Blues and Cajun tunes and songs.

The six members of Buffalo Gals are all professional performers with a wide range of talents and interests, all of whom share a passion for the traditional music of the USA, and bring to their performance their many years of experience and enthusiasm for the genre. Heading up the band is award-winning fiddle and banjo player Kate Lissauer, hailing from Maryland in the heart of the Appalachians.

You'll hear the influence of American music everywhere; it has been hugely in-

fluential in many aspects of the music we listen to today. The roots music of America has given inspiration to almost every type of popular music we have heard in the last century. With Buffalo Gals, you will have the opportunity to relive the early forms of country music, and hear some of how American traditional music sounded when the recording industry was in its infancy.

Whether their audiences are seasoned Bluegrass and Country string band lovers or newcomers to the sound of old-time Country music, Buffalo Gals continue to surprise and delight people wherever they go. Carrying on the great tradition of the early string bands, the group enlivens their favourite old songs and tunes with their distinct personality, using top-class instrumental work, soul-searing harmonies and thrillingly syncopated percussive step-dance. Above all, it is fun, social music with a great drive and passion, engaging everyone in its excitement!

The Buffalo Gals are playing at Buckland Newton Village Hall (call 01300 345543 for details) on Thursday, March 1st at 7.30pm; Durweston Village Hall (01258 453170) on Friday, March 2nd at 7.30pm; and Burton Bradstock Village Hall (01308 897214) on Saturday, March 3rd at 7.30pm.

Series of T.E. Lawrence events at the Tank Museum

THE National Trust has organised a new series of T.E. Lawrence events, in partnership with the Tank Museum at Bovington.

Lawrence (1888-1935), famed for his exploits leading the Arab revolt against the Turks during the First World War, briefly served in the Tank Corps between 1923 and 1925. During this time he rented Clouds Hill cottage, which was to be his country refuge for the rest of his life. The cottage is now owned by the National Trust, and preserved exactly as Lawrence knew it, with many of his possessions.

The new events will kick off the 2012 season at Clouds Hill, and will be co-hosted by Clouds Hill volunteers and staff and Tank Museum staff.

First up is two Lawrence of Arabia Experience days on Sunday 4th and Sunday, March 11th. These full day experiences will begin with tea and coffee and a talk on the life of T.E. Lawrence by a National Trust representative. This will be followed by a short tour of The Tank Museum and a closer look at the Museum's Lawrence exhibition. Exhibits include a Brough Superior motorcycle, a Rolls Royce Armoured car of the type used in the Arab Revolt and items from the Museum's collection of Lawrence related artefacts.

After lunch visitors will board a minibus to take them the short distance through Bovington Camp to Clouds Hill, for a guided tour of the cottage. On the way, the bus will stop at the site where Lawrence was fatally injured in a motorcycle accident, now marked by a memorial stone.

Afterwards, there's a visit to Moreton Church to see Lawrence's grave and explore the church with its stunning engraved glass windows by the artist Laurence Whistler. The day will end with afternoon tea at the Tank Museum. Tickets cost £50 and places must be pre-booked.

On Friday, March 9th, The Tank Museum will play host to an evening lecture entitled 'Lawrence as a

Symbol for Modern Policy'. Delivered by MP Rory Stewart, the lecture will examine Lawrence's military life, drawing parallels with British and American interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan today. Rory is a former soldier, diplomat and deputy governor of a province of occupied Iraq. He has spent a number of years living and working in Iraq and Afghanistan and has long been fascinated by Lawrence. There is a £5 entry fee for the lecture.

The Lawrence theme continues with family fun at Lawrence of Arabia Weekend on March 24th and 25th, with activities and talks celebrating his life. Highlights will include a Show & Tell with Lawrence-related artefacts, a T.E. Lawrence children's trail and craft activities, and an Arabian-style souk in the museum. Entry to the event is free, but standard admis-

sion charges apply for adults. Children dressed as Lawrence of Arabia will be admitted for free.

The Tank Museum is the museum of the Royal Tank Regiment & Royal Armoured Corps. The tank was a British invention that changed warfare for ever when it was introduced in World War One – and Bovington is the only place where many of these rare and historic vehicles can be seen. Fresh from a £16m investment in new exhibitions & facilities, with almost 200 vehicles on display in six large halls, visitors will come face-to-face with tanks that have seen action in all the major wars of the 20th century.

People interested in these events can book either through the Tank Museum's website <http://www.tankmuseum.org/home> or by calling the ticket line on 01929 462359

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 26TH

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LONG BREY: NGS Garden Opening at Langebride House (DT2 9HU). Open 2-4.30pm, admission £4 adults, children free.

SATURDAY MARCH 3RD

AXMINSTER, DEVON: Demonstration by professional turner Dave Appleby a Somerset turner who makes a range of high quality, original designed bowls, platters and hollow forms and functional domestic ware. Admission £2 for visitors, 10 am to about 4 pm at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster, EX13 5TL. For further information call 01308 427717

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THURSDAY MARCH 8TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group 'Unusual and Long Blooming Plants', an illustrator talk by the very experience nursery woman and horticultural lecturer Derry Watkins. At 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. Visitors welcome (£2.50 at the door, students £1). For more details call 01305 772533.

FRIDAY MARCH 9TH

SHERBORNE: 'The Knicker Lady', 7.30pm at the Gryphon School Conference Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne DT4 9EQ in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare. Tickets £12 each to include glass of wine & canapés, call 01305 215320 or book online at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/knickerlady
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SATURDAY MARCH 10TH

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SATURDAY MARCH 17TH

UPWEY: Broadwey and Upwey Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show at the Memorial Hall, Victoria Avenue at 2pm. Refreshments available, tombola, plant sale and cakes. Entrance free. For more details or entry forms call 01305 813942.

SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

DORCHESTER: Film/dance night: Dorchester Moose presents by popular demand 'Mamma Mia!'. At the Corn Exchange. Doors open 5.30pm, film starts 6.30pm prompt. Tickets £10 (no concessions). Performance by the Dorchester Ballet and Dance Group, followed by the Rob Wall Disco till 11 pm. Fancy dress (Mamma Mia/70s) optional. Tickets available from Poundbury Village Stores, Harmony Music, Dorchester TIC, Sydney Arms, and Dorchester Ballet & Dance group. All proceeds to the Friendship Club, Dorset Kidney Fund, and Julia's House. For more details call 01305 259 039 or 01300 320902. Also join our facebook page Moose Movies.

DORCHESTER: Choral Concert of Rossini's Messe Solennelle with Jennifer Thomas (Soprano), Susan Mackenzie-Park (Alto), Christopher Hobkirk (Tenor) and Simon Gallear (Bass), with director of music Colin Howard. At St Mary's Church, at 7.30pm. Tickets from Harmony Music and Choir Members. Call 01305 262005 for more details.

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STOMPIN' AT THE WEYMOUTH PAVILION

STOMPIN' Dave and his band head to Weymouth Pavilion for the very first time on Thursday, March 1st. An extravaganza of a show is promised that will showcase all aspects of Stompin' Dave's music. From acoustic American old-time and bluegrass on banjo and fiddle to guitar based blues, all delivered in unique style particularly featuring Dave's red hot boogie woogie piano playing. "Stompin' Dave is a formidable talent and outstanding musician as well as a larger-than-life personality. He's also a brilliant boogie piano player, a mean blues guitarist and a fine singer! Stompin' Dave got a standing ovation at the Isle Of Wight blues weekend" - Boogaloo Promotions

Recently described as "a master...one of the world's greatest performers" by the Daily Telegraph and as "One of the world's greatest performers" by Maverick Magazine, Dave has appeared at countless festivals including Glastonbury Festival, London Remix Festival, The Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival, The Great Dorset Steam Fair, Southsea Folk & Roots Festival to name but a few. Winner of the FOAOTMAD old-time banjo competition 2011. As well as being a multi instrumentalist, Dave is well known for his flat foot dancing skills.

Stompin' Dave's band will include the vastly experienced Graham Bundy on drums. Graham has worked with rockabilly luminaries such as Nashville Star's Jody Evans, Rockabilly Hall Of Fame members Dale Hawkins and Billy Lee Riley. Graham has also performed with Chuck Berry, recorded at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis and performed at The Grand Ole Opry. Also in the band will be multi instrumentalist Prof. Oz, Dave's old stompin' partner.

Advance tickets which are £10 are available from Weymouth Pavilion 01305 783225. Online tickets available from www.weymouthpavilion.co.uk. The doors open at 7pm show starts at 8pm. Tickets on the door are £12.

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MORE NAMES ANNOUNCED FOR CAMP BESTIVAL 2012

FOLLOWING the first Camp Bestival 2012 announcement featuring Hot Chip, Kool & The Gang, Chic featuring Nile Rodgers, The Young British Foodies, Mr Tumble and more festi-holiday brilliance than you can shake a stick at, the team are very pleased to be able to announce the fantastic comedy headliner for 2012 and even more ace live acts and DJs.

Rob da Bank says: 'Comedy and comedians are a huge draw at Camp Bestival and we've had most of the big 'uns down there, but none so mammoth as our very special guest for this year... Jimmy Carr! Well pleased that Jimmy's going to be making us wet our pants (and nappies) with laughter on the Sunday of Camp

B. Music-wise we're delighted Rolf Harris will join the fun with his wobble board and didgeridoo as well as King Creosote & Jon Hopkins and legendary drum 'n' bass DJ LTJ Bukem, alongside new talent Lianne La Havas, Ren Harvieu and Netsky!'

That's right; strap up your sides because one of the best comedians currently on the stand up circuit, Perrier Award winner Jimmy Carr, will be headlining the comedy line-up with a crowning appearance on Sunday evening. A deadpan quip

machine the likes of which has rarely been seen, Jimmy cemented his fame as the presenter of 8 Out of 10 Cats and 10 O'Clock Live but his live set is renowned for his quickfire style and ever so risqué gags making him a definite must-see at this year's Camp Bestival.

Very special guest, the legendary Rolf Harris, also be at Lulworth Castle this July! The term legend gets bandied about by all and sundry but when it comes to Rolf it's completely on the money, he really is a living legend. A complete smash hit when he played Bestival, he's set to wow Camp Bestival with his amazing didgeridoo and wobble board-powered sing-alongs that are sure to get the Castle Stage crowd jumping for joy!

Other new acts joining the bill include King Creosote & Jon Hopkins who were nominated for the Mercury Prize for their sublime Diamond Mine long player, and there will also be live appearances from BBC Sound of 2012 shortlist tip Lianne La Havas, whose soul vibrations have won her an army of influential admirers; Belgian drum'n'basser Netsky who will be imparting his love of liquid funk; another BBC Sound of 2012 candidate Ren Harvieu (whose voice needs to be heard to be believed), and a very welcome return visit from Fence Collective stalwart James Yorkston.

There are even more DJs on board to ensure the Jurassic coastline is jumping during Camp Bestival weekend including one of the dons of drum'n'bass, LTJ Bukem, and erstwhile Lionrock and Revtone kingpin Justin Robertson. Plus there will be leftfield disco love from Soft Rocks and reggae mash-up madness from Nice Up's own DJ Shepdog.

Rolf Harris



Ren Harvieu



Jimmy Carr

CAMP BESTIVAL 2012 TICKET INFORMATION:

• **Adult Weekend Ticket** (inc. camping from Thursday) - £180, Adult Weekend Ticket (inc. camping from Friday) - £170
(Adult Tickets are for anyone aged 18 or over on 26/07/2012)

• **Age 15 to 17 Weekend Ticket** (inc. camping from Thursday) - £105, Age 15 to 17 Weekend Ticket (inc. camping from Friday) - £100

(Age 15 to 17 Weekend Tickets are for anyone aged 15 to 17 on 26/07/2012. These ticket holders must be accompanied by a Ticket holding parent or guardian over the age of 30)*

• **Age 11 to 14 Weekend Ticket** (inc. camping from Thursday) - £90, Age 11 to 14 Weekend Ticket (inc. camping from Friday) - £85.

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(Age 10 and Under Weekend Tickets are for anyone aged 10 and under on 26/07/2012. These ticket holders must be accompanied by a Ticket holding parent or guardian over the age of 21)

• **Advance Car Parking** - £10 per car (or £15 cash on arrival), **Campervan Ticket** - £80 per vehicle

To book tickets, or for more ticket information visit www.ticketline.co.uk/camp-bestival or call 0844 888 4410.

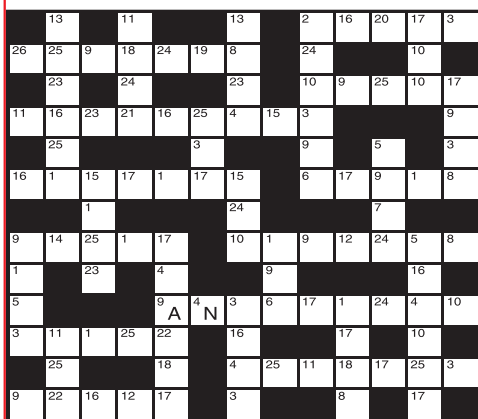
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Brain Gym

No.157

Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
T	Y	B	X	H	U	G	A	C	L	S	V	W
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1 & 10 Dn. Continuing a stage career and maintaining one's respectability (7, 2, 11)
8. Falstaff's follower is no young man, initially (3)
9. Carried away, being unusually ardent about games (11)
11. Somehow parries the weapons (7)
12. Don't dissent from an idea that a vice is unending (5)
13. Works hard and produces new stock (6)
15. They produce berries for those who have grown old in office (6)
17. What may be raised in the National Army (5)
18. Is included in a requirement for the making of cordial (7)
20. Frozen to the core? (4-7)
22. Don't stand for prevarication (3)
23. Horticultural plot is surrounding a cluster of flowers (9)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Controlling device (9)
8. Unity (3)
9. Dejected (11)
11. Anger (7)
12. Fragrance (5)
13. Opportunity (6)
15. Lax (6)
17. Consumed (5)
18. Snare (7)
20. Deceit (11)
22. Woman in religious order (3)
23. Infamy (9)

Down

2. To go off the track produces a bit of hesitation, we hear (3)
3. Publication is associated with ill-use (5)
4. A bird complaint (6)
5. This may cause one to tip up before autumn! (7)
6. Backing for financial authorisation (11)
7. I'm urged to be deeply affected (9)
10. See 1 Across
11. Set up mother with a stage part - a long, rambling piece (9)
14. Delay sentence on an old convict (4-3)
16. A flat metal ring used in the laundry (6)
19. Vexed by one assessment (5)
21. A long time in the Upper Andes (3)

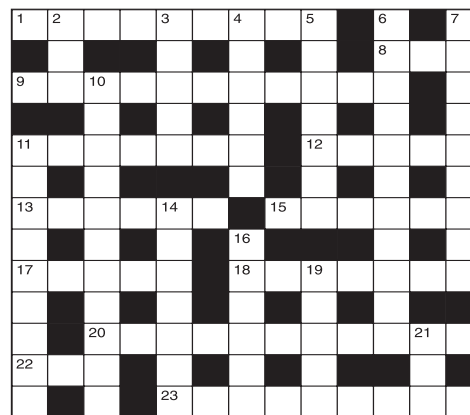
Down

2. Make a mistake (3)
3. Language of ancient Rome (5)
4. Journey (6)
5. To free (7)
6. Merge (11)
7. Practice (9)
10. Charm (11)
11. Harsh (9)
14. Include (7)
16. Short burst of speed (6)
19. Of them (5)
21. Fix (3)



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Assets; 8 Alight; 10 Neutron; 11 Piece; 12 Work; 13 Bored; 17 Seams; 18 Mean; 22 Moral; 23 Noisome; 24 Second; 25 Planes. Down: 1 Bad news; 2 Estuary; 3 Story; 4 Slipper; 5 Ogres; 6 Other; 9 In command; 14 Telling; 15 Reaccount; 16 Inverse; 19 Amass; 20 Brace; 21 Wills. QUICK - Across: 7 Amount; 8 Quaint; 10 Monster; 11 Treat; 12 Sled; 13 Antic; 17 Tepid; 18 Dawn; 22 Ideal; 23 Avarice; 24 Assent; 25 Morass. Down: 1 Palmist; 2 Pointer; 3 Unite; 4 Sustain; 5 Liken; 6 State; 9 Principal; 14 Telling; 15 Capital; 16 Intense; 19 Final; 20 Lease; 21 Wagon.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

5	2	1	9	8	7	4	3
7	4	6	2	3	1	5	8
3	9	8	5	4	7	1	2
2	5	4	3	8	9	6	7
9	1	3	7	2	6	8	5
8	6	7	4	1	5	9	3
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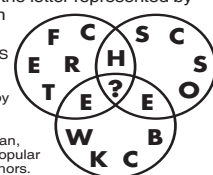
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4			5	8	7	2	
5	6				9		4
		2		4			

Circlegam

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

The letter represented by the question mark is L. Carroll, Pullman, Rowling, all popular children's authors.



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Situated at the heart of the Jurassic Coast a UNESCO World Heritage Site Lyme Regis is a popular seaside town famed for its many historic connections, character buildings and of course for its well know Cobb Harbour. It is considered quite unspoilt though has all the shops and amenities one could require, along with many leisure activities including both sailing and power boats clubs, a cliff top golf course and bowling green.

Lyme Regis lies approximately 5 miles from the market Axminster which has mainline rail connections to London, Waterloo. Exeter provides access to the M5 Motorway and its own regional airport. Local there are popular primary Schools in Lyme Regis and Uplyme along with the well respected Woodroffe Secondary school and nearby Colyton Grammar School.

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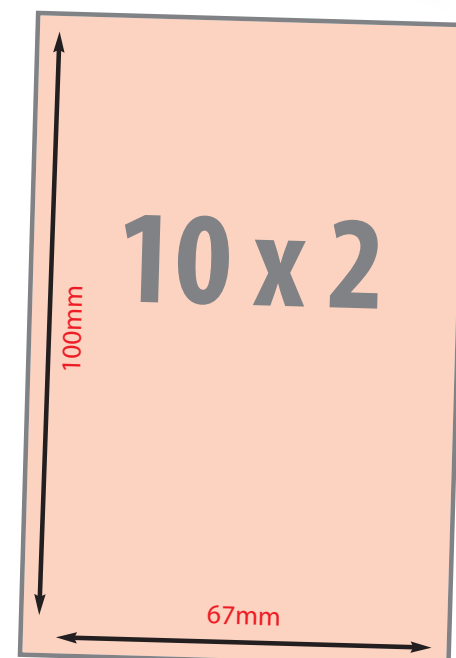
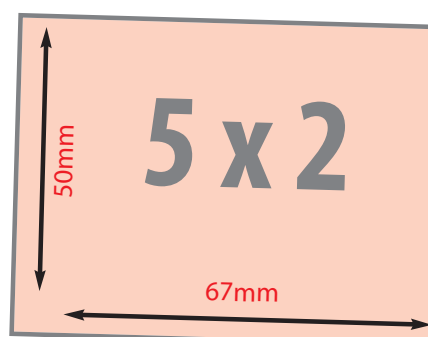
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The Mazda MX-5 Venture Edition's 'stand out' specification features light gun metal 17-inch alloy wheels, front fog lights, chrome front grille, piano black fashion bars and

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Inside, the MX-5 Venture has stylish Havana Brown heated leather seats, leather steering wheel and hand brake with contrasting grey stitching, matching door trim, climate control air-conditioning, piano black dashboard accents, alloy pedals, cruise control (a first on 1.8 models) and, for the first time on MX-5, a satellite navigation system. Supplied by Sanyo TomTom, the sat-nav features a fully integrated 5.8-inch touch screen monitor, 4GB SD card based map (45 countries), live services, iPod and Bluetooth® connectivity and complete multimedia functionality.

The Mazda MX-5 Venture will be available in three colours, the popular Metropolitan Grey Mica and two exclusive colours to this MX-5 special edition – Radiant Ebony Mica and Crystal White Pearllescent – free of charge. A genuine special edition, only 250 examples of the Venture Edition Soft-top

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"Special Edition models of the MX-5 have always enjoyed incredible popularity in Britain and now the Venture Edition offers a unique combination of a premium cabin feel, sophisticated exterior and advanced technology, in a sports car that remains unrivalled as an exhilarating drive that can also be used every day," comments Peter Allibon, Sales Director, Mazda UK. "Together with their durability, enviable reliability and our current low-rate finance offer, the MX-5 Venture Edition is a thoroughly modern sports car that people can buy with their heart and their head."

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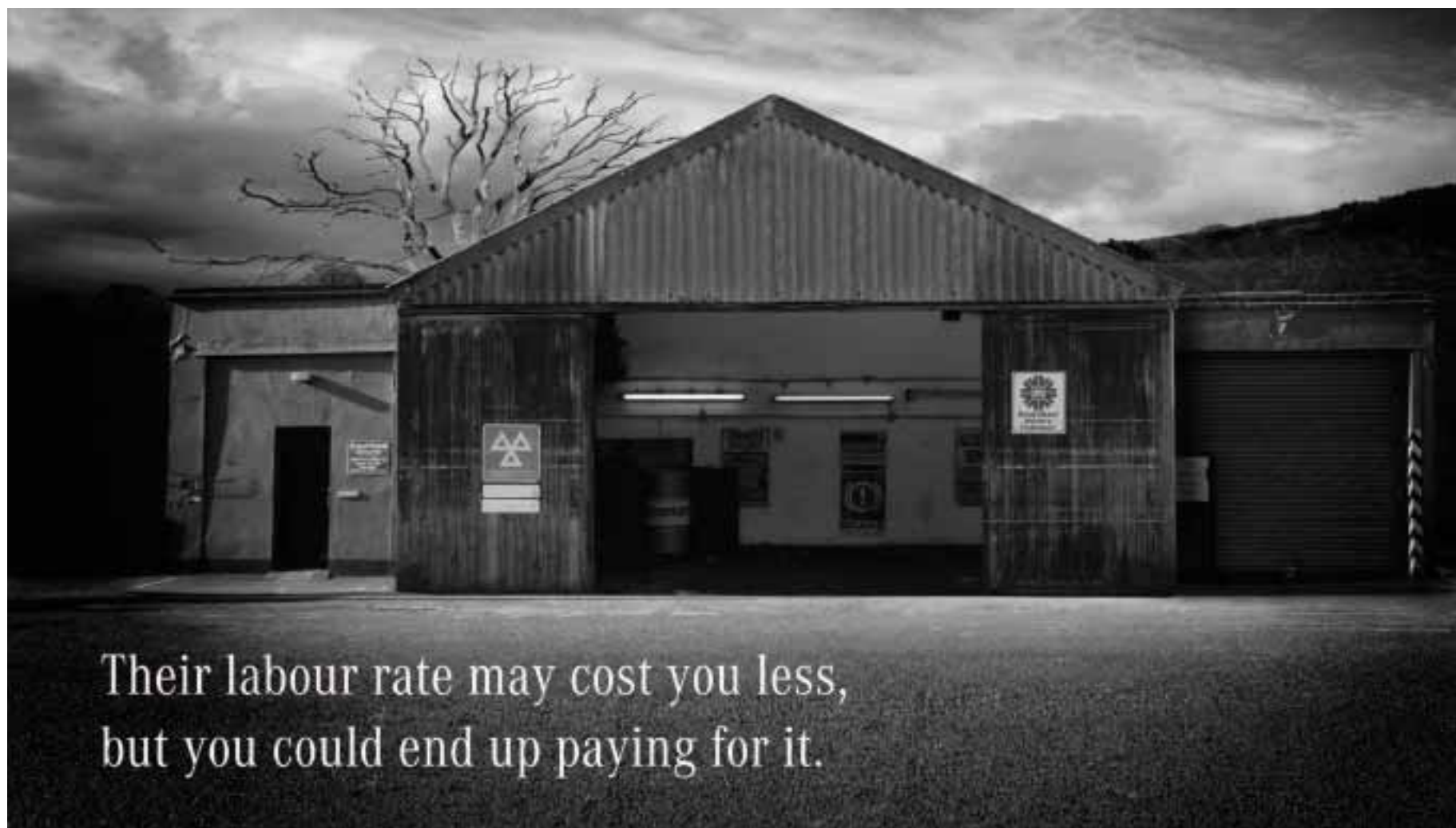
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DORSET FOOTBALL

CRANES HALT ISLANDERS TITLE PUSH

Dear's double lifts Poundbury into promotion

PREMIER DIVISION

PORTLAND United's title aspirations received a blow as they were held to a 1-1 draw at Cranborne.

A Dan Loader OG earned the Islanders their point.

Moving up fast on the rails are Hamorhly Rec who hammered Bridport Reserves 5-1 on their own St Mary's turf. Ash Clarke netted for the Bees.

Doubles from Josh Why and Scott Henley and a single from Nick Etherington saw the Chickereil United chickens strut their way to a 5-1 demolition of Shaftesbury.

Doomed Sherborne Town Reserves finally broke their 25 game winless duck with a morale-boosting 2-0 win over fellow strugglers Weymouth Reserves.

SENIOR DIVISION

PORTLAND United maintained their slender one point lead at the top with a 2-1 home win against Blandford with their strikes coming from Simon Crouch and Andrew Perkins.

Wareham Rangers moved back into contention with their first win in five games when they thrashed Bishops Caundle 11-0 on their own turf – the biggest win of the day.

A Charlie Kenderdine goal was enough to earn third placed Upwey & Broadwey all three points from the visit of Kingston Lacy.

Chickereil United and Weymouth Sports drew 1-1 with the Chickens strike coming from Liam Coles.

Piddletrenthide United moved further away from the foot of the League with a 4-2 win at Gillingham Town.

DIVISION ONE

POUNDBURY Rovers moved up into the top two thanks to a double from Matt Dear in a 2-0 win over visiting Wincanton Town.

Meanwhile goals from Lee Pattison (2) and Marcus Simpson saw Granby Rovers to a 3-1 victory over Bere.

DIVISION TWO

CORFE Mullen's lead at the top was eroded to seven points by a 5-3 reverse at Bridport 3rds. It could have been worse for the leaders who trailed 5-0 after 35 minutes and have now lost three on the spin. Bees' marksmen were Michael Hailu (2), James Bird, Richard Pincombe and Carl Bulman.

11th Signal moved back into the top three with a 4-2 victory Weymouth Spartans.

Dorchester Sports stay in sixth place after their single goal victory against their visitors Wyke Regis Social Club with the goal coming from Daniel Anderson.

Elsewhere Josh Houghton struck four times as The Balti House hammered Crossways 6-2.

DIVISION THREE

DONHEAD United lost ground on the leaders AFC Cobham when they were held to a 1-1 draw at Maiden Newton with the hosts' strike coming from Danny Smith.

Piddlehinton United slipped-up as they were beaten 3-1 by Galaxy FC. Lee Rockingham, Elliott

Gould and Paul Cole scored for the hosts.

Portesham stay in fifth place after their entertaining 5-4 win at Bere Regis. Nick White (2) Shaun Cope and Will Spurdle scored for Bere.

DIVISION FOUR

A JAMES Herron goal couldn't save Puddletown from 4-1 home defeat at title-favourites Handley Sports who now need only two points from their last two games to win the League.

Weymouth Spartans drew a blank at home and were duly beaten 3-0 by promotion-chasing Stalbridge.

Owermoigne aren't out of the promotion mix just yet despite being held to a 2-2 draw by struggling Swanage Town.

DIVISION FIVE

AFC Blandford extended their lead at the top to six points after their 2-0 win at Broadstone. Donhead United stay in the top four with a 5-1 victory against their visitors from Dorchester CC. Matt Cracknell netted the Dorch consolation.

A 4-3 defeat for Maiden Newton & Cattistock saw them leap-frogged by opponents Handley Sports. Poundbury A went down 4-1 in their bottom-of-the-table clash at Milborne Sports.

DIVISIONS FOUR & FIVE LEAGUE CUP Section One

GALAXY FC got their league cup campaign off to a great start with a 2-1 win at Littlemoor with their strikes coming from Matthew Bird and Antony. Patrick Kenner netted the Littlemoor response.

RESULTS - 18th February DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford United 2-1 Tintinhull
Bridport Reserves 1-5 Hamworthy Rec
Chickereil United 5-1 Shaftesbury
Cranborne 1-1 Portland United
Holt United 0-0 Sturminster Marshall
Poole Borough 0-3 Merley Cobham
Sherborne Res 2-0 Weymouth Res
Westland Sports 3-2 Parley Sports

Senior League

Bishops Caundle 0-11 Wareham Rangers
Chickereil Utd 1-1 Weymouth Sports
Gillingham 2-4 Piddletrenthide
Portland United 2-1 Blandford Utd
Stourpaine 4-3 Okeford United
Sturm Newton Utd 4-1 Witchampton
Upwey & Broadwey 1-0 Kingstone Lacy

Division One

Granby Rovers 3-1 Bere Regis
Merley Cobham 0-5 Kangaroos
Poundbury Rovers 2-0 Wincanton
Shaftesbury 0-9 Westland Sports
Swanage & H 3-2 The Ship Inn

Division Two

11th Signals 4-2 Weymouth Spartans
Bridport 5-3 Corfe Mullen United
Dorchester Sports 1-0 Wyke Regis SC
Lyttchett RT 0-4 Gillingham Town
The Balti House 6-2 Crossways
Wareham Rangers 2-2 Corfe Castle

Division Three

Bere Regis 4-5 Portestham

Galaxy 3-1 Piddlehinton United
Maiden Newton & C 1-1 Donhead Utd
Okeford United 2-3 AFC Cobham
Stickland United 4-2 Cranborne
Division Four & Five League Cup
Littlemoor 1-2 Galaxy FC
Pimperne Sports 0-1 Bishops Caundle

Division Four

Puddletown 1-4 Handley Sports
Owermoigne 2-2 Swanage Town & H
Weymouth Spartans 0-3 Stalbridge

Division Five

Broadstone 0-2 AFC Blandford
Donhead United 5-1 Dorchester CC
Handley Sports 4-3 Maiden Newton & C
Milborne Sports 4-1 Poundbury Rovers

FIXTURES - February 25th

Premier League

Hamworthy Rec v Wincanton
Hamworthy Utd v Cranborne
Merley Cobham v Sturm Marshall
Parley Sports v Blandford Utd
Portland Utd v Holt United
Shaftesbury v Poole Borough
Swanage Town v Chickereil Utd
Tintinhull v Bridport Res
Westland Sports v Sherborne Res
Senior League
Bishops Caundle v Sturm Newton Utd
Blandford United v Okeford Utd
Gillingham Town v Stourpaine
Upwey & Broadwey v Witchampton
Wareham Rangers v Chickereil Utd
Weymouth Sports v Piddletrenthide

Division One

Bere Regis v Dorchester Town
Dorchester Boro v Mere Town
Granby Rovers v Merley Cobham
Kangaroos v Westland Sports
Poole Borough v Swanage & H
Wincanton v Shaftesbury
Division Two
11th Signals v Lyttchett RT
Corfe Castle v The Balti House
Dorchester Sports v Wareham Rangers
Gillingham v Wyke Regis SC
Milborne Sports v Crossways
Sturm Newton Utd v Corfe Mullen Utd
Weymouth Spartans v Bridport A

Division Three

Cranborne v Soccer FC
Galaxy v Portesham
Okeford United v Donhead Utd
Stickland Utd v Piddlehinton Utd
League Cup
AFC Cobham v Maiden Newton & C

Division Four

Owermoigne v Littlemoor
Swanage Town & Herston v Galaxy
Division Five
Donhead United v Poundbury Rovers
Handley Sports v Dorchester CC
Mere Town v Maiden Newton & Catt
Marnhull v Pimperne Sports

Division Four & Five League Cup

Poundbury Rovers v Puddletown

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	22	17	3	2	57	54
Hamworthy Rec	21	17	1	3	58	52
Wincanton	21	17	4	0	55	52*
Westland Sports	21	16	3	2	53	51
Holt United	22	14	3	5	34	45
Chickereil United	22	14	2	6	17	44
Bridport Reserves	23	11	4	8	14	37
Parley Sports	24	11	3	10	0	36
Swanage & Herston	22	11	1	10	-10	34
Blandford United	23	9	4	10	-4	31
Sturminster Marshall	25	8	6	11	4	30
Poole Borough	26	8	4	14	-10	28
Merley Cobham	23	7	3	13	-13	24
Tintinhull	24	6	5	13	-25	23
Cranborne	25	6	3	16	-27	21
Hamworthy Utd Res	24	6	3	15	-42	21
Weymouth Res	24	7	4	13	-17	19*
Shaftesbury	23	4	2	17	-56	14
Sherborne Res	25	1	2	22	-89	5



SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland Utd Res	18	11	6	1	28	39
Wareham Rangers	19	11	5	3	22	38
Upwey & Broadwey	19	10	2	6	9	38
Kingston Lacy	20	12	4	2	19	34
Witchampton Utd	17	10	2	5	9	32
Weymouth Sports	20	7	6	7	-4	27
Okeford United	17	7	4	6	13	25
Sturm Newton Utd	18	7	3	8	2	24
Stourpaine	17	6	4	7	0	22
Bishops Caundle	19	4	8	7	-9	20
Chickereil Utd Res	18	3	6	9	-15	14
Gillingham Res	18	4	2	12	-21	14
Piddletrenthide	17	3	4	10	-13	13
Blandford Utd Res	20	2	4	14	-40	10

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Rs	18	14	2	2	48	44
Poundbury Rovers	21	11	6	4	17	39
Mere Town	14	12	2	0	54	38
Poole Borough Res	18	9	2	7	7	29
Granby Rovers	14	9	1	4	16	28
Bere Regis	18	7	2	9	11	23
Merley Cobham	18	7	2	9	-15	23
Swanage Town & H	15	7	1	7	-10	22
Wincanton Res	18	6	3	9	-14	21
Kangaroos	16	6	2	8	-4	20
Dorchester Town A	16	6	2	8	-7	20
Ship Inn, Wool	18	5	2	11	-11	17
Dorchester Boro	15	3	2	10	-20	11
Shaftesbury Res	15	0	1	14	-72	1

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	19	15	1	3	52	46
Milborne Sports	15	13	0	2	52	39
11th Signals	16	12	0	4	39	36
Bridport A	18	11	3	4	29	36
Weymouth Spart	19	11	2	6	23	35
Dorchester Sports	16	10	2	4	17	32
Gillingham A	16	9	4	3	28	31
The Balti House	17	9	0	8	0	27
Wareham Rang Res	16	6	3	10	-23	21
Wyke Regis SC	19	6	4	9	-37	15
Crossways	17	4	0	13	-26	12
Lyttchett RT	19	3	1	15	-58	10
Corfe Castle	18	1	2	15	-53	5
Sturm Newton Res	15	1	1	13	-45	4

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	16	12	1	3	27	37
Donhead Utd	14	11	1	2	26	34
Piddlehinton Utd	15	9	3	3	30	30
Galaxy FC	14	8	0	6	4	24
Portesham United	15	7	1	7	-3	22
Stickland United	15	6	2	7	-25	20
Bere Regis Res	15	6	1	8	-7	19
Maiden Newtn & C	15	4	1	10	-11	13
Okeford Utd Res	13	3	1	9	-19	10
Cranborne Res	16	2	1	13	-36	7

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	16	10	4	2	37	34
Stalbridge	16	9	2	5	5	29
Weymouth Spart	17	8	2	7	4	26
Owermoigne	15	7	5	3	2	26
Littlemoor	16	6	5	5	-5	23
Poundbury Rovers	17	6	4	7	-7	22
Bishops Caundle	15	6	0	9	-10	18
Puddletown	17	5	1	11	-11	16
Galaxy FC Res	14	2	7	5	-6	13
Swanage Town & H	15	3	4	8	-19	12*

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Blandford	18	14	1	3	47	43
Mere Town Res	14	12	1	1	53	37
Broadstone	17	12	1	4	37	37
Donhead Utd Res	17	11	1	4	31	37
Pimperne Sports	14	6	3	5	24	21
Marnhull	16	5	3	8	-16	18
Handley Sports	16	4	3	9	-40	15
Maiden Newtn & C	13	4	1	10	-25	13
Dorchester CC	13	4	0	9	-10	12
Milborne Sports	15	2	3	10	-19	9
Poundbury A	17	1	2	14	-82	5

(* Points adjusted)

TERRAS NEWS: Ford bags brace

Weymouth 2 Banbury United 1 Evo-STIK PREMIER - ATT: 402

MARK Ford signalled his goal scoring ability by grabbing two late goals in his debut for Weymouth that saw the Terras move into the top half of the Evo-Stik South Premier League after a disappointing defeat at Chippenham Town earlier in the week.

Ford who had come on with 20 minutes left, struck seven minutes later and looked to have secured all three points, before Liam Dolman appeared to have snatched a draw for The Puritans with just three minutes to go.

But the goal instinct that has seen the 21-year-old notch 35 goals in just 22 games for Magna Dorset Premier League side Blandford United this season, showed his prowess by squeezing home a winner in added time.

The first-half was spoiled by a swirling wind that made it difficult for both sides to control the ball and chances were at a premium although Weymouth had the lion's share of the possession.

With the wind having dropped during the interval, both sides were able to play more attractive football. Weymouth started to dictate the game and Byerley and Matt Groves both had possible chances.

After Joyce had to be replaced by Scott Dixon just after the hour, Groves was also forced off with a calf injury giving Ford his chance.

Full-back Ollie Tribe fired two efforts wide before Weymouth scored the goal their possession deserved. Stephen Reed's corner and Ford fired into the left hand corner.

Kemp foiled the striker finishing off a good move with another fine save before Banbury grabbed an equaliser three minutes from time when the home defence failed to deal with a free kick.

It seemed that the opportunity of victory

was gone, but Ford grabbed his second in added time after Reed's 25-yard free-kick came back off the wall.

Even then Weymouth had to rely on Jordan to pull off a superb save by blocking Tommy Kinch's point blank effort before grabbing the ball before it rolled over the line.

Terras rue missed chances

Chippenham Town 3 Weymouth 0 Evo-STIK PREMIER - ATT: 305

WEYMOUTH left Hardenhuish Park believing they could have had a share of the spoils had they converted the numerous chances they created in the first-half.

After squandering a hatful of opportunities they were hit by three goals in 11 second-half minutes.

Alan Griffin might have given the Bluebirds an early lead but shot straight at Nick Jordan after he was put clean through on just two minutes.

However it was Weymouth that was soon peppering the home goal. Craig Duff headed wide from Stephen Reed's corner, before his 25-yard shot thumped against the cross bar.

Chippenham 'keeper Tommy Smith then did well to push Scott Dixon's shot over the bar, before Warren Byerley headed over from close in. Then just before the interval, Byerley's effort was deflected over the bar by a home defender.

On-loan debutant Ben Joyce fired over the bar on 53 minutes as it looked like Weymouth might continue to dictate, but the game changed five minutes later when Griffin turned in a cross from Ross Stearn to give the Bluebirds the lead.

Five minutes later Griffin doubled the lead and Dave Gilroy made the game safe for the hosts when he fired across Jordan for the third on 68 minutes.

Big night of boxing

WEYMOUTH Amateur Boxing Club will be holding their next 'Night of Boxing' at The Ocean Room in the Pavillion on Saturday, April 28th.

Tickets for the event that starts at 7pm sharp cost £35 and include a three course

meal.

Dress code is black tie preferred or lounge suit.

To reserve your tickets e-mail info@weymouthabc.co.uk or call Jason (07875 492660) or Dave (07899 925316).

RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Red card can't halt Weymouth 2nds

WEYMOUTH 10 WESTBURY 0

THE elements of a swirling wind and a heavy, slippery pitch made this encounter a war of attrition, with defences on top for much of the time and play confined, in the main, to the eights.

The first-half was evenly contested and remained scoreless. After the break gaps began to appear in the visitors' cover and Mike Robinson, making a welcome return to the fold, took advantage by touching down a try that remained unconverted.

Westbury could not respond and, around the hour mark, replacement Dean chased a grubber kick to gather and touch down. This try, although it too was not goaled, importantly took the home side a score clear and they held on with some comfort.

WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW 8 WEYMOUTH 2nd 22

ON seeing this result on the RFU website my thought was "that's a useful win". I did not know the half of it!

It appears that the home side play near the top of a hill on the outskirts of Salisbury, and Weymouth played against both howling wind and slope during the first period.

Midway through the half their scrum-half, who shall be nameless, was sent to the bin. He, instead of taking his position behind the posts, stood on the touchline and, when a home player was preparing to field a Garryowen, shouted "drop it" rather loudly.

The player duly obliged and the referee, both awarded a penalty against Weymouth and sent the scrum-half from the field of play. The home side kicked the penalty and Weymouth had to play the rest of the game with 14.

Against the odds they took the lead through a Sean Murphy try, converted by Peplow and, although the home side regained the lead with an unconverted try of their own, Weymouth would have been satisfied at the halfway stage at 8-7 in arrears, for they would now have both wind and

slope in their favour.

Their problems were by no means done however for, within 10 minutes of the restart, Nathan Allen went down with a neck injury and was left lying for half an hour waiting for the ambulance. He was then carted off while proclaiming his fitness. The teams then re-emerged to find that the wind had dropped thus diminishing Weymouth's advantage.

They put these woes behind them however and regained the lead through a Max Boudoir try, again converted by Peplow. The out half then proceeded to drop goal with an excellent kick from near halfway to take his side a score clear at 17-8. This score put an end to home resistance, and Boudoir got over for his second try of the game in the final few minutes to seal the result after a day that will live long in the memory.

In what was certainly an eventful afternoon for the Weymouth club, their third side went down 39-5 against Wimborne thirds.

DEVIZES 15 DORCHESTER 5

THIS was always going to be a close fought encounter and, as it transpired, the decisive action took place well within the first five minutes of play.

Having been asked to play with both the wind and slope in their favour Devizes kicked off deep, Dorchester fumbled and their opponents were first to react.

The conversion kick went wide but worse was to come. Dorchester kicked the restart drop out straight into touch, thus conceding a scrum on halfway. After winning possession Devizes worked their way forward and kicked a penalty goal.

Although now eight points in arrears, Dorchester buckled down and established a very distinct edge in the set piece, although the home number eight did much to nullify this by tidying well behind a retreating pack at the set scrums.

The game settled into a pretty turgid affair and, although the visitors got a score back before the

break, defences were, generally speaking on top. Dorchester's try was scored out wide by James Baker.

The third quarter, territorially speaking, belonged to Dorchester although they could not break down a stubborn home defence. They became vulnerable to the counter also, and the home winger broke away and ran to their posts.

The extras were duly added from in front and Devizes were in the driving seat. Dorchester kept going to the end but could not alter the score board.

It was rather better news for the Dorchester second side who predictably beat the struggling Lytchett Minster second side 36-0, thus maintaining their promotion challenge.

WIMBORNE 2nd 34 PUDDLETOWN 19

A MORE than useful home back division was the difference between the sides in this, for the most part, evenly contested encounter.

In fact it was Puddletown who started the brighter, only for an interception to blunt their effort. It put the home side on to the attack and they proceeded to spin the ball wide and outflank the cover. The try was converted and Wimborne led 7-0.

This heralded the best period of the game for the home side and two more scores followed in short order. Puddletown regrouped however and a flowing move ended with flanker Newbery getting over. The home side had the wind at their backs throughout the first period however and made it count by scoring the bonus point try just before the break, and to lead 24-5 at the halfway stage.

Although Puddletown were now with the elements they could not take advantage and conceded a try early on.

They kept going however, began to apply pressure and were rewarded when full back Udell ran into a gap and touched down under the posts. Yeatman added the extras and his side then had the better of matters territorial for the remainder

of the game.

They could not prevent a long range breakout try from the home threequarters but, towards the end Moise was on hand to crash over from close range. Yeatman's conversion kick was again accurate but the whistle for no side sounded before they could gain a bonus point.

BRIDPORT 23 SWANAGE & WAREHAM 2nd 5

BRIDPORT certainly started the brighter in this Dorset & Wilts league Division One (South) encounter, and took the lead after 10 minutes' play when, from a lineup close in, they executed a front peel and lock John Butler touched down.

The visitors had not come just to make up the numbers however and, although they did not score, turned the home side over several times in the ensuing few minutes of play.

Towards the end of the first quarter however Bridport spun the ball wide, recycled and Steffan McMasters on the other wing, got over near the corner flag. Out half, Wes Lewis converted with a good kick from a wide angle and Bridport were good value for their 12-0 lead.

The remainder of the half was evenly contested, then just before the break, Lewis assayed a diagonal grubber. His winger was well up to gather and off load to hooker Eddy Herbert (what was he doing there). He touched down to take his side to 17-0 ahead at the break.

Bridport did not start the second-half as well as they had started the first and a series of mistakes let their opponents in when they mauled their way over the home line from a lineup close in.

Worse was to come for a home forward then saw yellow for persistent offending. His absence forced his side on to the defensive, after his return they won a penalty out wide. Lewis stepped up to land the goal and to take his side three scores ahead. In the final minute Lewis landed his third successful kick of the afternoon.

On what was a pretty good day for the Bridport club, its second team edged to a narrow win at Verwood coming out on top by a single point.

PREVIEW

THE DORCHESTER Club are without games at first second and third team levels, as are the Weymouth and Bridport second sides.

WEYMOUTH have a catch up league fixture, and it is not an easy one, for they travel to Swanage & Wareham 2nd. The league leaders defeated these opponents by 24-6 earlier in the season but this result will certainly be closer. I do take Weymouth to win, although the gathering of a four try bonus point will, I think, be beyond them.

BRIDPORT too have a little tester with the visit of SHERBORNE 2nd. They won the earlier encounter, albeit narrowly, but have not enjoyed as good a season subsequently as their opponents, and are a far from consistent side at the moment. This one will be close, with the visitors edging the result I think.

PUDDLETOWN have what is on paper the easiest task. They entertain WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW who have become a byword for inconsistency in recent times. The home side however has been improving, week in week out and will, I think, have too much outside the scrum for their opponents.

I would suggest also that what Weymouth second can achieve with 14, Puddletown will certainly be able to achieve with a full complement.

As to the junior sides, the only game being played is the one between Weymouth thirds and home side Ellingham & Ringwood thirds. The latter came out on top in the earlier fixture and it could be a long afternoon for Weymouth.

Fixtures 25th February

Bridport v Sherborne 2nd (away); Chard v Old Centralians; Chard 2nd v Morganians; Dorchester 3rd v Taunton Vets; Honiton 2nd v Exmouth 3rd (away); Puddletown v Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew; Sidmouth v Thornbury (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Bideford 2nd; Weymouth v Swanage & Wareham 2nd (away); Weymouth 3rd v Ellingham & Ringwood 3rd (away).

Dorset Disabled Cricket Club enjoy season despite losses

DESPITE losing all their five matches last season, Dorset Disabled Cricket Team enjoyed the experience and gained more points and scored more runs than any other season.

Secretary Gordon Pickersgill's also reported at the club's AGM held in Dorchester YMCA on February 12th, that the team had played at Lords, Old Trafford, Newport and Cardiff in their five CFPD games and in Telford in the North v South game, and that more of their players had taken part than ever before.

The club's president Les Phillips MBE opened the meeting with apologies from Simon Penny, Tom Griffith, Louis Mountain, Jack Watkins, Graham Whistler, Callum

Tucker who was in America, and chairman Michael Chant senior who was ill.

Gordon Pickersgill in his role also as treasurer reported the club had made a substantial profit due mainly to bequests from two of his relatives who donated the proceeds of their funerals to the club.

Team captain Mark Pickersgill reported that he thought all of the team had enjoyed the season, with everybody making substantial improvements, and that further improvements would hopefully follow due to the help of coaches Rob Newton and Peter Tucker.

Les Phillips was re-elected President and with Michael Chant senior being ill, David Barrett accepted the post of chairman.

Gordon was once again re-elected secretary and treasurer, whilst Mark Pickersgill was once again re-elected to captain the side.

It was reported that all the players had been registered for the new season with those with physical disabilities having been assessed at Taunton and Exeter.

The learning disabled players had to fill out forms to see if they qualify and include an IQ test.

This is taking a long time due to players finding suitable psychologists to help with the forms.

In an effort to encourage new players the secretary has joined other organisations like Active Dorset and the special schools

committee to get the word around.

Next season's fixtures: March 19th (* Selected players only) - England v Wales (Lords, London) *; April 29th - England 'A' v Wales 'A' (Old Trafford, Manchester)*; May 13th - Hampshire v Dorset (tbc, Hampshire); May 20th - Somerset v Dorset (Taunton Deane); May 27th - Dorset v Hertfordshire (Dorchester Rec); June 24th - Dorset v Somerset (Dorchester Rec); July 1st - Hertfordshire v Dorset (Welwyn, Herts); July 8th - Dorset v Hampshire (Dorchester Rec); July 22nd - Wales v England (Newport, Wales)*; August 19th - Harry Pickersgill Cup (Dorchester Rec); September 2nd - North v South & Junior Tournament (Telford, Shropshire).

Cowboys test table-toppers

WEYMOUTH COWBOYS 69

WINCHESTER WIZARDS 71

HAVING played inconsistently this season, Weymouth Cowboys put in their best performance of the season as they hosted a highflying Winchester Wizards, boosted by a sprinkling of ex-div-

sion one players.

From the tip, the Cowboys took the game to the Wizards and edged an even quarter leading by 17-16.

The obviously shocked Wizards changed their offence to a press with the immediate effect and out scored their hosts by 13 to secure a 37-25 lead.

During half-time, Coach Fuhrmann gave clear instructions on how to prevent the fast break being employed by the Wizards. But this had little effect as the Wizards immediately racked-up 8 pts on fast breaks forcing a frustrated coach to call another time out after only two minutes.

With fresh instructions onboard the young Weymouth side constantly looked to press and with a combination of forced errors and fast intense offence, the Cowboys went on a scoring spree with baskets scored by Romano and Jack Speary. Cowboys closed the 3rd quarter 21-26, but were down overall by 63-46.

Weymouth commenced the final quarter with players immediately forcing the Wizards to turn the ball over

after excellent offensive pressing by both Dodge and Romano. Cowboys were now in the ascent as they moved to within 10 pts of the visitors.

Wizards, clearly shaken, called a timeout and restructured. This was to no avail as the Cowboys continued to defend superbly and contested Wizards for every ball. Further scores resulted in the Cowboys outscoring the Wizards 19 to 8 in the final quarter, cutting the final score to a narrow 71-65 loss.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann said: "Today we played the top team in our league, containing a number of players who have played at a very high level and we matched them."

"We have played good basketball at times this season but tonight my team played this level of basketball all game. The intensity, desire and commitment were there from the initial tip-off through to the final whistle."

Scorers/Roster: Dan Campbell 16, Andy Steele 14, Sam Dodge 11, Fil Romano 9, Matt Board 5, George Scott 4, Jack Speary 4, Steve Howlett 2, Eric Olson, Mark Talmage.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: WDC Whipping Boys 2 Trinity Express 5, Colliton XQ2011 4 Colliton Hopefuls 4, Purbeck Potters 3 West Dorset Club A 5, Colliton Club B 5 West Dorset Club C 2, Purbeck Potters 5 Trinity M 3, Trinity Gooduns 4 West Dorset Club A 5, West v Dorset Club C 3 Colliton Nomads 4.

30+ breaks: G.Haddow 42, A.Page 36 & 36, E.Wellman 35 & 31.

Top Break of the Season: Chris Haskell (Trinity M) 67.

	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club A.....	18	13	2	3	0	87
West Dorset Club C.....	17	11	2	4	0	78
Trinity Gooduns.....	18	11	2	5	0	75
Trinity M.....	18	7	2	9	0	69
Colliton Cons.....	16	9	2	5	0	65
Trinity Express.....	18	5	2	11	0	65
Colliton Nomads.....	17	11	1	5	0	63
Purbeck Potters.....	18	4	5	9	0	63
Colliton XQ2011.....	18	6	3	9	0	59
Colliton Hopefuls.....	18	6	2	10	0	58
Colliton Club B.....	18	4	2	12	0	55
WDC Whipping Boys.....	18	6	1	11	0	53

◆ **TEAM OPEN KO CUP FINAL:** West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads 4 (February, 27th (at Trinity Club)

◆ **TEAM KO CUP FINAL:** West Dorset Club A v Colliton Nomads (Monday, March 19th at Trinity Club).

Weymouth RFC news

DORCHESTER U14 22 WEYMOUTH 5

THIS game was switched to Weymouth due to a frozen pitch, and it was the Seasideers now on home soil who started the better having most possession and territory for the first quarter of the game.

They took the lead when Toby De Kretzer started and finished a move, but Dorchester took the lead following concerted pressure inside the Weymouth 22 with two tries just before the interval from Jack Cartwright and Ryan Haskell.

During the second-half there were several injuries and this forced the teams to play uncontested scrums giving Dorchester the opportunity to use their well practised rucking skills and gain two more opportunities to score. Jack Warburton scored the third try and then converted Jamie Brown's effort for Dorchester's fourth score.

The game was well played by both teams with some excellent tackling stretching the Weymouth team's skills. Weymouth newcomer Matt Baker-McGee was awarded Man-of-the-Match.

Under 15 Girls

WEYMOUTH combined with North Dorset to play their first competitive fixture against Oakmeadians. Six players made the trip, three having not played before.

It was always going to be a tough match, against a well established Oaks team who controlled the early stages running in some good tries.

As Weymouth & North Dorset started to gel they started putting some phase play together ending in a well worked try of their own.

Oaks, a well drilled side regained control and momentum using their forwards and finished the game off convincingly.

Player-of-the-match for Weymouth was awarded to Emma Davis.

The six Weymouth girls who took part were; Terri Biggs, Emma Davis, Imogen Parker, Robyn Parker, Alex Hearn and Katy Wilkinson.

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6.30-8pm and on Sunday afternoons from 12.30 to 2pm - if anybody is interested then please come along.

Additional information can be obtained from Nathan Parker 07818-055385.



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INSIDE: Dorchester Snooker League round-up

Dorchester U18s reach D&W semi's

Dorchester U18 14 Bradford-on-Avon 7

DORCHESTER Rugby club's Under 18s team reached the semi-final of the Dorset & Wilts Cup with a gritty win over Bradford-on-Avon writes **Andrew Smith**.

From the kick-off Dorchester were under pressure and spent the first 15 minutes or so defending deep in their own half.

With Charlie Lake marshalling the home defence were solid.

However, defending for so long in your own half teams do tend to concede penalties, and having conceded six in the first 10 minutes it was surprising that the referee hadn't sin-binned a home player.

Equally odd was Bradford's decision to run each of them when a simple kick would have secured an easy three points each time.

However their patience was rewarded when a clearance kick was charged down and a Bradford player got the all important touch down which was successfully converted.

Going behind appears to galvanize this Dorchester side, and they picked up their game.

Now it was Bradford's turn to defend and concede penalties with the home pack starting to gain some ascendancy.

After a period of sustained pressure number 8 Lewis Glynn crashed over.

With Harry Smith adding the

extras the half ended all square.

The second-half saw Dorchester start very quickly and securing territory in Bradford's 22.

Time and time again Dorchester were repelled but when they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts, John Bowden whipped the ball to the right for Glynn to get his second try of the match. Smith added the extras.

That was the home side's last meaningful attack as Bradford looked to reply.

However, despite having more than three quarters of the territory, and possession, they made some errors at crucial times, and with Dorchester's rush defence operating at full steam the visitors couldn't find a way through.



■ WEST Dorset Hockey Club pictured before their recent match against Yeovil & Sherborne A. Standing, from left: John Kelis, Richard Puzey, James Bowditch, Charles Davies, Richard Dormor, Daniel Wyatt. Front: Robert Cox, Alex Davies, Mark Smith, Lee Connolly (captain), Richard Steele.

Any new players interested in joining the club can find out more by calling Julian May on 07748 682810 or visit the club's website at www.westdorsethc.co.uk.

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